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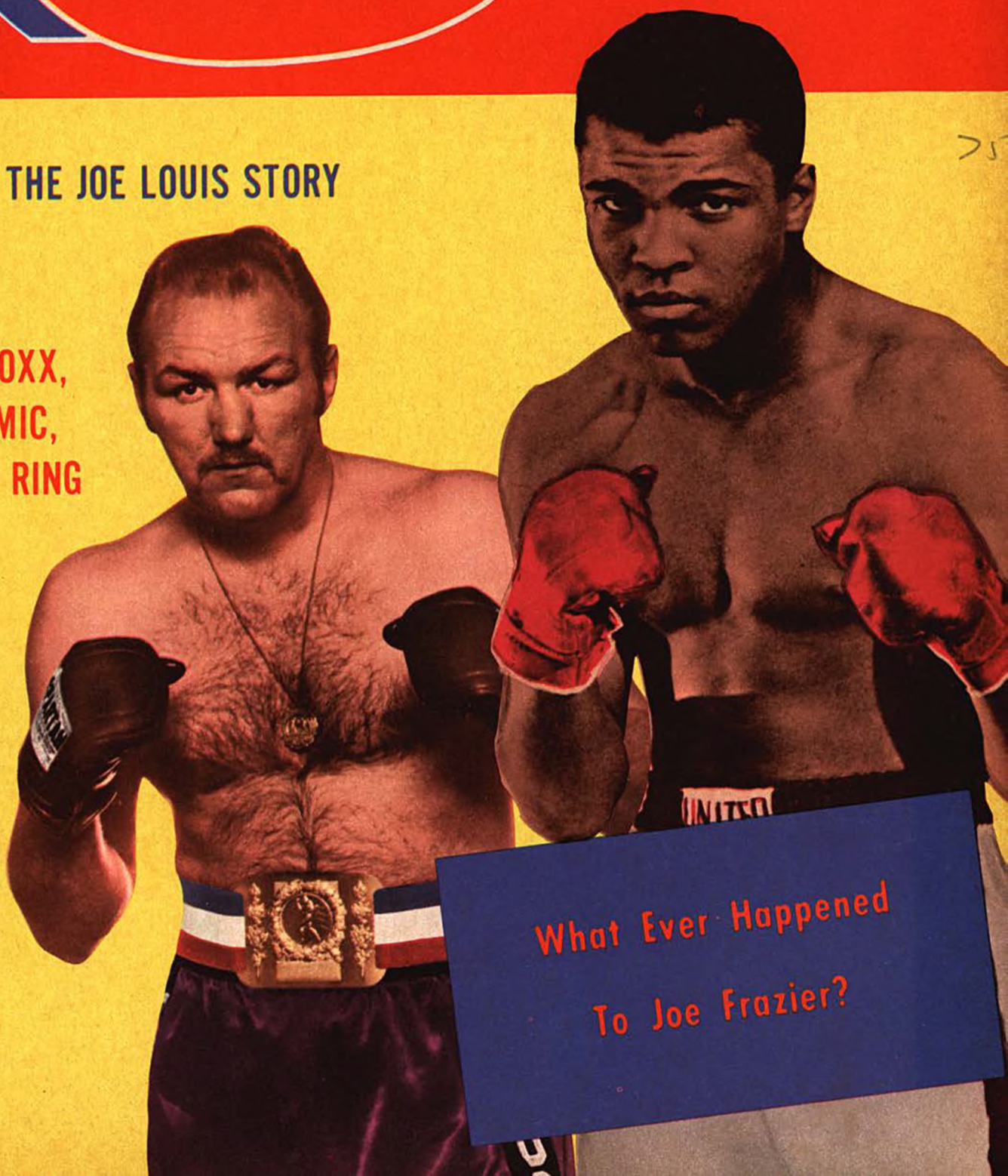

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

IN 1963, the late Nat Fleischer's all-time top ten choices in the eight standard divisions first appeared, in the Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia.

It took about three years for The Ring staff to persuade the publisher of the magazine to devise the selections.

"Things like that do not foster goodwill," he insisted. "Fighters and fans are bound to disagree with the choices and in that way The Ring is bound to produce a lot of ill will."

Thus it went for several years. Finally, the pressure of Ring readers had its effect. However, Fleischer stipulated that his choices were not to appear in The Ring but in the Record Book, only.

Insofar as readers of The Ring Magazine were concerned, the Fleisher selections in the Record Book were accepted as the choices of the magazine, and then the fun began.

It would be difficult to arrive at the number of letters of protest received by The Ring against the selections which did not represent The Ring. It was impossible to convince the readers of the magazine that the Fleischer picks, while highly commendable, did not represent the magazine.

As the years went along, thousands of readers protested that the Fleischer choices were not sound. As a matter of fact they were as sound as any which could be produced.

The main point of criticism was Fleischer's decision that Jack Johnson was the greatest heavyweight of all time.

In the last couple of years a wave of mail discussion involved Muhammad Ali.

Writers from all over the world, the vast majority of whom never had seen Ali fight, picked him for anything from first place to at least No. 10.

After Ali had stopped George Foreman, the hurricane of insistence that in Muhammad we had the greatest heavyweight of all time became not merely a strong expression of opinion but a demand that The Ring come out with a "revised" top ten heavies, led by Ali.

In vain did The Ring continue to protest that the Fleischer choices were just his own personal selections. The magazine finally was led to promise its own leading ten fighters of the glove era in each division.

Thus was found in the March issue of The Ring the long promised all-time selections.

These are the picks of no one expert. They represent the choices of a group, the staff members of the magazine.

It was seen that Fleischer's long-attacked choice of Jack Johnson as the all time No. 1 heavyweight failed to get the support of The Ring selectors.

The No. 1 choice was Joe Louis. It was a close battle between Joe and Jack Dempsey, with Jack Johnson in the No. 4 spot.

That Louis was picked was no surprise. The Louis vs. Dempsey controversy has been raging for many years and now, insofar as The Ring was concerned, it had ended, in victory for the black man.

There will be strong protest from Dempsey supporters. There will be vehement hollering by mail from thousands of Ali backers.

To Ali in The Ring poll fell ninth place, with Joe Frazier tenth and former champion George Foreman completely out of the running.

The Ring editor and publisher were surprised not only by the bypassing of Dempsey, but the failure of Rocky Marciano to land better than fifth, the No. 6 designation of Gene Tunney while the once royally placed boxer Jim Corbett finished no better than No. 8.

The ancients will marshall their strength in protest against the location of Jim Jeffries in no better than No. 3. Voters who failed to see Jeff even third pointed to his fight with Corbett that went into the twenty-third round and was lost by Jim at age 32 only because his legs gave out.

In any event, there will be a lot of fun in the wake of the March 1975 issue of The Ring.

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

THE CHUCK WEPNER MIRACLE

Wepner's Story Of Fight To Get Chance At Title One Of Boxing's Wild Dramas

ONE evening a liquor salesman in Jersey, the following afternoon a contender for the heavyweight championship of the world. The story of Charles William (Chuck) Wepner is a tale right out of fiction. It's a believe-it-or-not story seldom matched since the heyday of John L. Sullivan and Jim Corbett. A betting situation not duplicated since Jim Braddock, a 10 to 1 shot, was matched with Max Baer with the odds against the ultimately victorious Cinderella Man.

The Wepner match referred to meant challenging Muhammad Ali for the world title in the Cleveland Coliseum.

Why didn't Ali pick either George Foreman or Joe Frazier?

Why didn't Video Techniques, promoter of the Ali-Wepner fight, pick New York's Madison Square Garden as the venue?

It's an involved story of fistic political intrigue, a story involved in the continued lack of Madison Square Garden luck and negotiating failure.

Having bypassed Foreman and Frazier, Ali faced the alternative of Ron Lyle. But that fight was postponed for a summer possibility.

George, Joe and Ron off the list, Chuck Wepner, up from nowhere in the last couple of years, was as good a choice as any in the lower echelon of the heavyweight ratings.

A Braddock-type choice? Yes. But who knows in this game of heavyweight boxing? A 220 pound husky standing five inches taller than six feet, pulls one off the floor and he who had been up and proud is down, and a Wepner finds himself a champion.

No poet is this man Wepner. No actor, no ballet dancer, no shouter of his own praises.

The day he was assured of the Ali match he resigned as a liquor salesman and became a full-time professional fighter, dedicated wholly to the art of fisticuffs and fastened firmly to the involved techniques of hit and get away, punch and bore in, lean on the ropes if necessary.

Time was when Chuck Wepner was barred from the ranks of eligible contenders by the widespread belief that he was what is known as a bleeder.

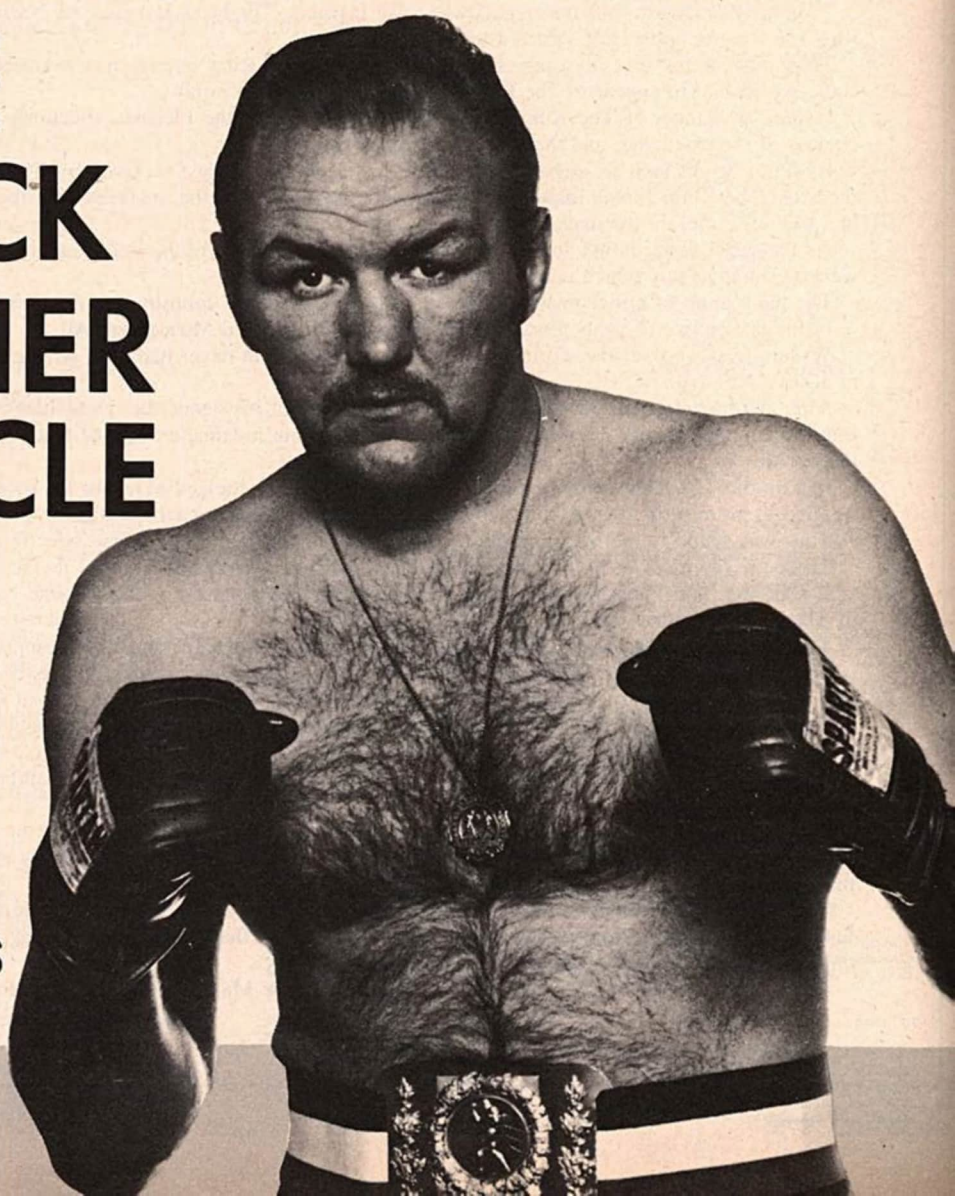
But that label no longer handicaps his progress with the strong insistence that it stood in his way before Al Braverman, his manager, brought into play a magic ointment which was discovered by Jack Kearns when he was manager of Jack Dempsey.

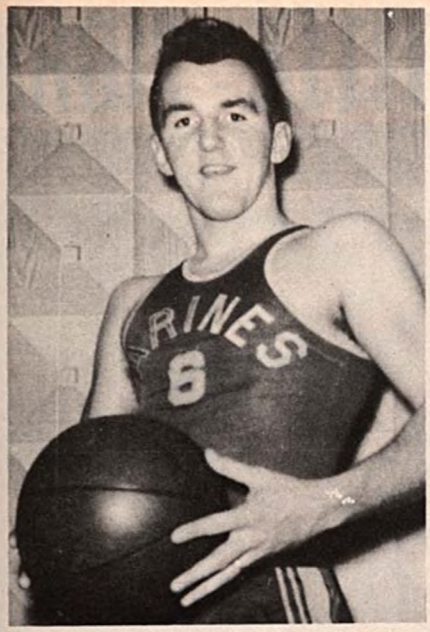
Two hours before a fight Wepner rubs this mystic jelly onto his face and presto. No cut can send him to the dressing room.

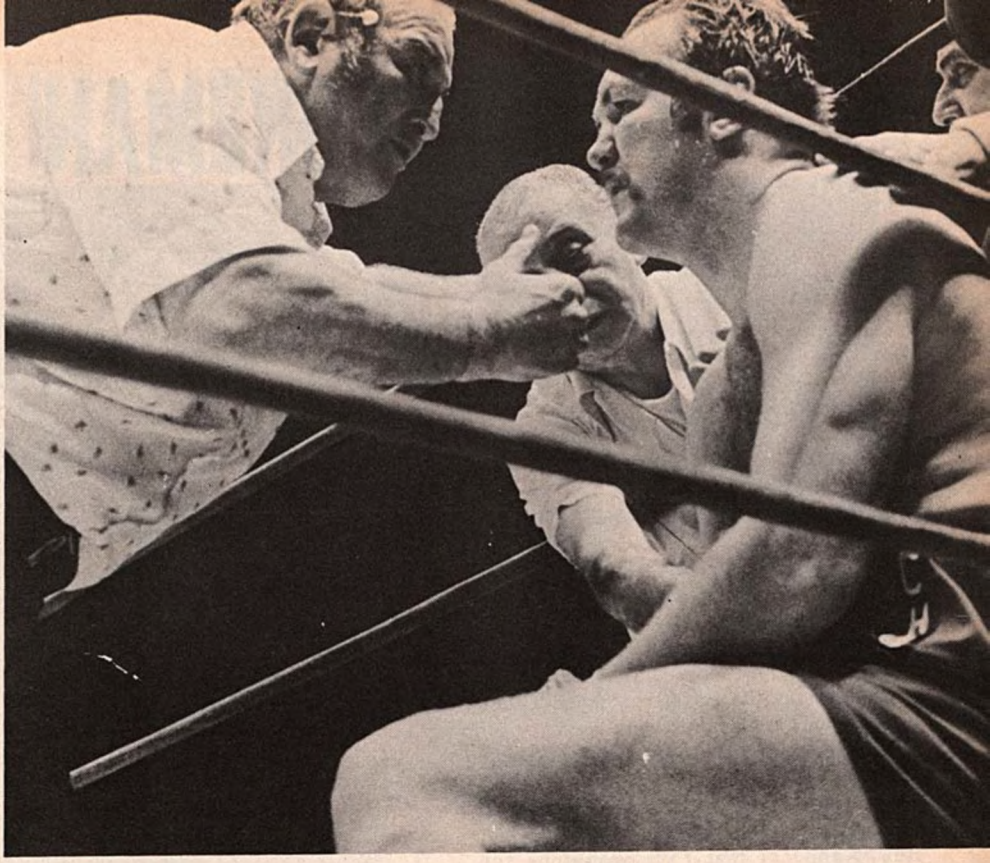
No unbreakable charm doth this magic jelly exert. In fact, there is no unbeatable material, no victory assuring material anywhere. But Wepner says, "The bleeder days are over."

Why did Video Techniques pick Cleveland and the new coliseum for the fight and pass up New York and the Garden?

In the first place, Don King, high in the councils of Video Techniques, which had promoted the fight at Zaire, lives in Cleveland and Cleveland money is important in the financial backing of







Above: Wepner as a professional basketball player, a forward for the Trenton Colonels. At right, Chuck in corner during a fight, receiving instructions from his manager and trainer, Al Braverman.

the Ali-Wepner fight.

It is conceivable that both fighters were very much disappointed when told that the Garden had been excluded from consideration.

Wepner had fought there nine times and had been a seven-time winner. Only Foreman and Buster Mathis had beaten him in Gotham. He had a superstitious belief in New York as a place of fortune and success for him.

But into the situation came likes and dislikes, personal feelings which overcame the desires of Ali and Chuck.

That the fight will sell out the Cleveland arena as it would sell out the Garden is certain. But just across the Hudson from New York is New Jersey, where Wepner has thousands of fans, a ready-made sellout ticket prices lacking any deterrent influence.

For Muhammad Ali the fight promised a clean return of $1,500,000. For Wepner, who hitherto never had received more than the $10,000 he got for beating Ernie Terrell in Atlantic City, the Cleveland enterprise made certain a check for $100,000 with such sum to be split among his group.

"Now, about this fight," said Chuck. "I saw the movies of Foreman and Ali and they looked like a couple of amateurs. The fight was a horrible thing. Foreman looked like an A.A.U. novice.

"I owe it to Braverman that I got this fight. Don King got Herbert Muhammud's okay and then I was told that I had got the call over Foreman.

"When the news of my landing the fight came out it stunned Mickey Duff, who was here from London with a letter of credit from Jarvis Astaire.

Chuck Wepner receiving the New Jersey Boxing Writer's, Gus Lesnevich Fighter Of The Year award, in 1969 with Jack Dempsey and Jim Braddock offering congratulations.

"Bob Hope called me a courageous fighter and it is up to me to prove that he was right.

"Win, lose or draw, I will be going all out every minute I am in action. How many times does a contender get a chance like this?

"The year 1974 was a good one for me. I won four and made it nine straight.

"If you examine my record you'll note that I had an eight month layoff. That was while I was having my eyes scraped, and other anti-bleeding precautions attended to.

"My fight before this one, with Terry Hinke in Salt Lake City, was very important to me. I stopped him in eleven rounds. Pop Sadler said to me after the fight, 'Well, Chuck, you took care of our policeman.' Sadler sent Hinke in as Foreman's cop and I knew it."

Going into training for his big adventure, Wepner said, "Contrary to general belief, I am not a Jersey native. I was born in New

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ALI-FOREMAN TITLE FIGHT TO BE HELD IN NEW ORLEANS?

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

THE boxing pot is boiling the world over. The most important feature in process of cooking is a chance for George Foreman to regain the world heavyweight title from Muhammad Ali.

This contest is planned for the new Super Sport Arena in New Orleans during the Summer.

Closing this match is predicated on fights on the way.

Ali has to knock Chuck Wepner out of his way and Foreman is called on to wallop Oscar Bonavena off the track.

The prophets of the ring are willing enough to call the Ali-Foreman match a certainty. But as the Spaniards say, "Quien sabe?" Who knows? A swing from the region of the canvas and what had been looked for just is not to be.

Before the New Orleans bid got hot it appeared that Foreman would fight Ron Lyle. But it appears that Lyle would be too dangerous a puncher to ask Foreman to tackle and place the Ali affair in jeopardy.

Not that Bonavena is a cinch. This unpredictable fighter, not famous for his thinking processes, could achieve the apparently unachievable. He is big enough and strong enough with lots of experience.

The Foreman-Bonavena fight, to be doubled up with the Ali-Wepner affair on a closed circuit screen, may land in Houston with Cassius and Wepner in the punching process in Cleveland.

Where does all this wheeling and dealing leave former world champion Joe Frazier?

He is asked to fly to Melbourne, Australia, to fight Jimmy Ellis, whom he beat by KO in five rounds on his way to the world title.

Frazier is discovering how important Yank Durham was for him as a manager, as a trainer, as a general director.

Joe is not up to negotiating with the wise men of the promotion game. This reduces him to picking up what is left after the table has been almost cleaned.

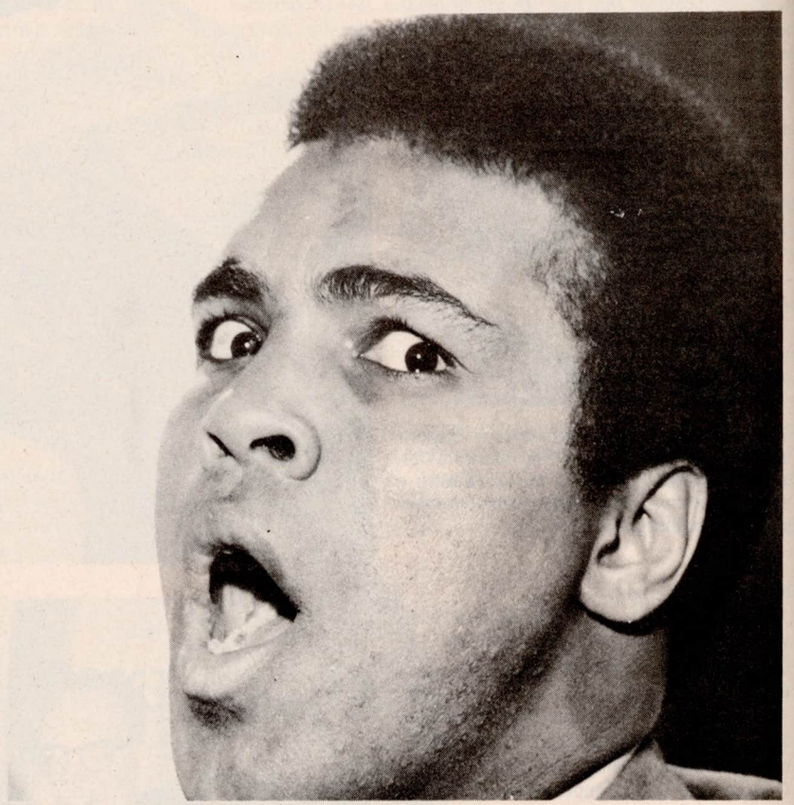
Joe would like to fight somebody more important than Ellis but like Old Mother Hubbard, when he hits the cupboard it is well nigh bare.

Fighting Ellis in Australia is no big job for Frazier.

While rating that contest as a job to be done he is looking around for something more important and more lucrative.

We in the United States have become accustomed to playing up the heavies and paying none too much regard for the divisions starting downward at 175 pounds.

A fight half-scheduled in London rates first class attention. It intends to throw Carlos Monzon, the middleweight champion of the world, against Johnny Conteh, holder of the W.B.C. version of the light heavyweight title.



Muhammed Ali, vociferous champion of the heavyweight world of boxing, around whom there is a constant bustle of speculation and rumor.

An effort by Monzon to gain a strong foothold among the light heavies would draw a lot of attention in Britain. But with no clear title at stake it would not be very magnetic in the United States. Conteh could not take Carlo's middleweight laurels even if he stopped Monzon.

Fights of that type do not attract the fans in this country and it is a question if Conteh and Monzon would have a financially successful meeting here.

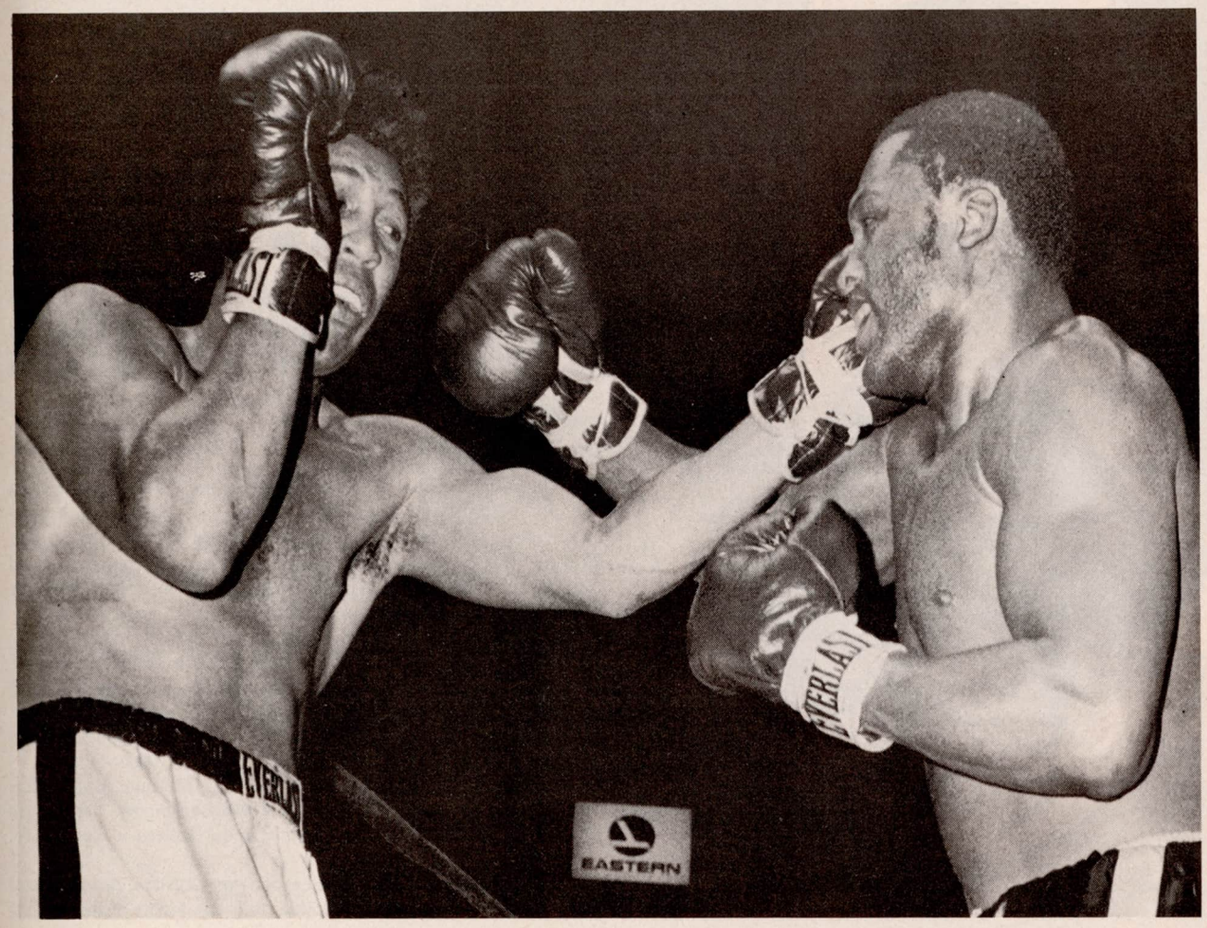
There is talk of a fight in Panama between Roberto Duran, world lightweight champion, and Antonio Cervantes, the junior welter leader.

There also is conversation about a meeting of Cervantes and Esteban De Jesus, and Duran and Ray Lampkin.

But do not count too heavily on a fight involving Duran, who does not like training and is not attracted toward serious defense of his title.

Still another fight in the conversation stage is Bobby Chacon vs. Jesus Estrada.

There should be a fight between Chacon and Alex Arguello but the W.B.C and W.B.A. lines are holding fast in a ridiculous situation.



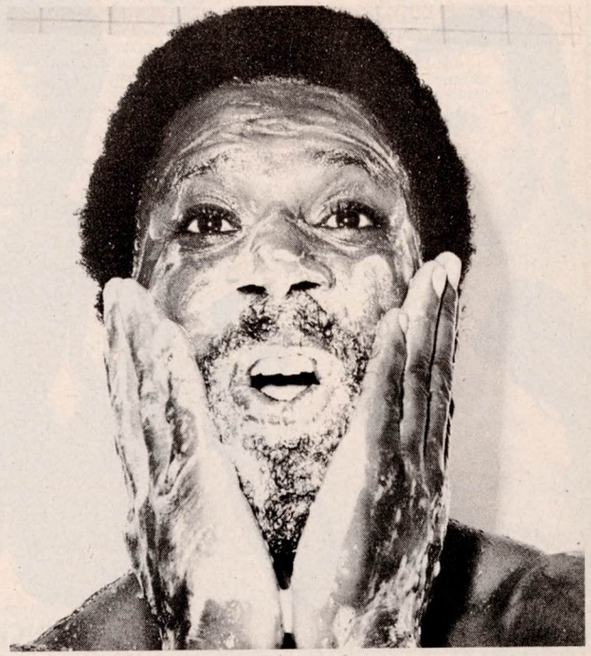
Ex-heavyweight champion Joe Frazier (right) in fight with Jimmy Ellis, who has stood in way of his return match with Ali.

While all this talk and all this negotiation is going on, little old New York, where American boxing was born, is out in the cold.

Nothing important is scheduled for Madison Square Garden's big arena, and fights in the Felt Forum below have been suspended because of riots over decisions.

Mike Burke says the Garden is ready to hold seven big fights during 1975 but so far he has not come up with one major attraction.

There is some talk of Ali meeting Ron Lyle in the Garden in June but those close to the picture indicate that Houston has the inside track on that promotion.



Ron Lyle washing away any doubt but that he will get a crack at the heavyweight title this summer regardless of who holds the crown at that time.

FIVE NEW MEMBERS IN THE RING HALL OF FAME

By NAT LOUBET

DICK CURTIS

FIVE fighters have been elected to the Hall of Fame in the 21st consecutive annual polls. The elctions are divided into three categories: The Pioneer, elected by the Board of Directors; the Oldtimers, fighters active 35 or more years ago, elected by a board composed of 20 boxing experts. Over 15 votes must be cast for any fighter to gain admittance to the Hall.

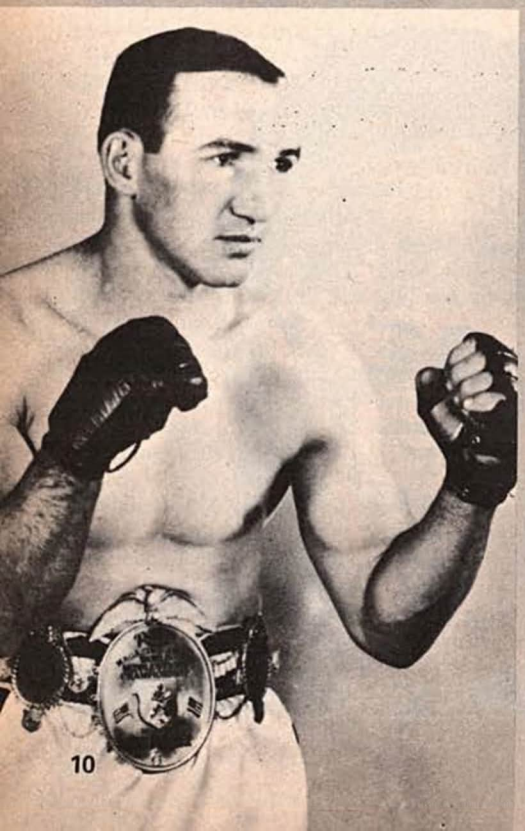
The third category is the Moderns and they are elected on the basis of a world-wide poll. This latter group is composed of fighters who have been active within the past 35 years and have been retired for at least two years.

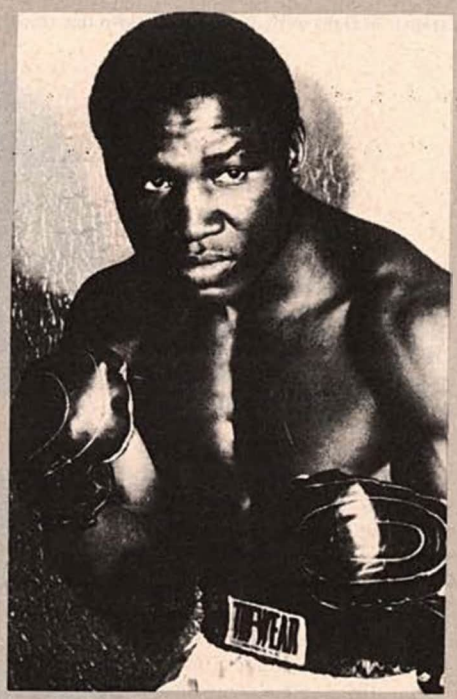
To win admittance to the Moderns section of the Hall a fighter must receive at least 75% of the total number of votes cast.

The Hall of Fame, housed with the Ring Museum in the offices of The Ring Magazine, a block from Madison Square Garden, will this year, for the first time, bestow upon electees a specially designed lapel pin of gold.

In this election, radio and television sportscasters, newspapermen and other experts have been polled from all corners of the world to determine the fighters who would gain admittance to the Hall.

GENE FULLMER





DICK TIGER

With the five newcomers elected to the Hall of Fame, the total number of Hall of Famers is 128, of whom 31 have been elected by the Hall of Fame Board of Directors; 57 by the Oldtimer's Committee; and 40 by the Modern sportscasters and members of the Fourth Estate.

Those elected in 1974 are:

The Moderns group, with 703 votes cast and 75% required for election:

1. Dick Tiger with 594 votes.
2. Gene Fullmer with 536 votes.

The members picked by the Oldtimers were:

1. Frank Klaus
2. George KO Chaney

The Hall of Fame Board elected one new member to the Pioneers, Dick Curtis, an English lightweight, who was undefeated in eight years of professional fighting commencing in 1820.

Pierce Egan, the Nat Fleischer of his day, dubbed Curtis one of the greatest lightweights he ever had seen and declared that he was a champion. Curtis was known as "The Pet of the Fancy" and in 18 fights won 2 by knockouts and 16 by decision.

In his last fight he was declared the loser but the decision was later reversed on the claim that he was fouled. Fleischer termed Curtis the greatest lightweight since the days of the original Nonpareil, Jack Randall.

German-American Frank Klaus was born December 30, 1887 in Pittsburgh, Pa. He was destined to grow to 5'7½", short for a middleweight, scaling about 158 pounds, who, beginning with 1904, would fight them all right up to heavyweights.

Klaus became one of Pittsburgh's four great middleweight champions. The others were: George Chip, Harry Greb and Teddy Yarosz.

Frank was a fighter of the old school, a smashing two-fisted banger with dynamite in his right and a left hook that could also send an opponent bye bye. No smoothie, no guy with good moves, just a guy who loved to fight, came to fight and fought from bell to bell until he blasted his way to victory or was chopped down himself.

Despite his way of battle, rarely was he on the losing end. In 89 fights he was defeated only twice, held to a draw twice and knocked out but twice. He knocked out 25 and won 20 by decision and another 4 via

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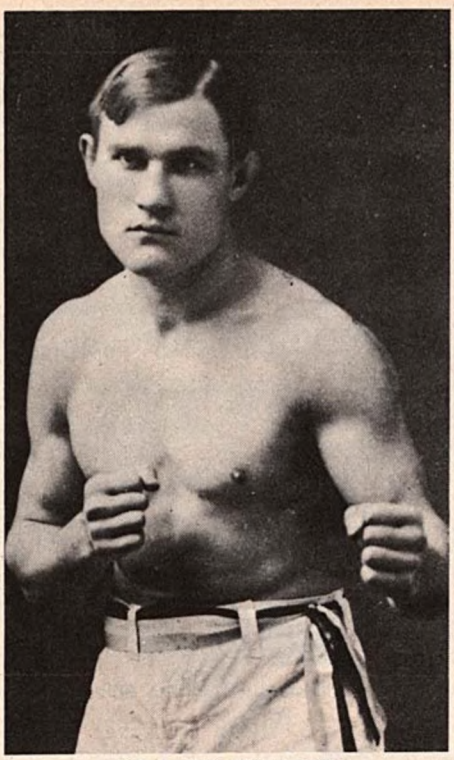

FRANK KLAUS

GEORGE "KO" CHANEY

BOXING'S HALL OF FAME

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The Immortal 128

Elected by Modern Writers and Broadcasters

1954 Jack Dempsey
1954 Joe Louis
1954 Henry Armstrong
1955 Benny Leonard
1955 Gene Tunney
1955 Harry Greb
1955 Mickey Walker
1956 Tony Canzoneri
1956 Jimmy McLarnin
1956 Barney Ross
1956 Tommy Loughran
1957 Johnny Dundee
1958 Tony Zale
1959 Kid Chocolate
1959 Rocky Marciano
1960 Jack Britton
1961 Lew Tendler
1962 Billy Petrolle
1962 Marcel Cerdan
1963 Willie Pep
1964 Lou Ambers
1964 Jim Braddock
1965 Billy Conn
1966 Archie Moore
1966 Kid Gavilan
1967 Ray Robinson
1968 Max Baer
1969 Carmen Basilio
1969 Jersey Joe Walcott
1970 Max Schmeling
1970 Ezzard Charles
1971 Rocky Graziano
1971 Sandy Saddler
1972 Maxie Rosenbloom
1972 Fritzie Zivic
1972 Beau Jack
1973 Gus Lesnevich
1973 Sammy Angott
1974 Dick Tiger
1974 Gene Fullmer

Elected by Old-Timers Committee

1954 John L. Sullivan
1954 Jack McAuliffe
1954 Young Griffo
1954 Nonpareil Jack Dempsey
1954 James J. Corbett
1954 Bob Fitzsimmons
1954 Joe Gans
1954 Jack Johnson
1954 Stanley Ketchel
1954 James J. Jeffries
1955 Terry McGovern
1955 Joe Walcott
1955 Abe Attell
1955 Sam Langford
1956 George Dixon
1956 Jem Driscoll
1957 Kid McCoy
1957 Charley Mitchell
1957 Battling Nelson
1957 Packey McFarland
1957 Les Darcy
1958 Ad Wolgast
1958 Mike Gibbons
1958 Tommy Ryan
1959 Tom Sharkey
1959 Jack Dillon
1959 George Kid Lavigne
1959 Jimmy Wilde
1959 Pete Herman
1960 Joe Choynski
1960 Freddie Welsh
1960 Johnny Kilbane
1960 Tommy Burns
1961 Jack Root
1961 Pancho Villa
1962 Willie Ritchie
1963 Tom Gibbons
1964 Georges Carpentier
1964 Ted (Kid) Lewis
1965 Johnny Coulon
1965 Young Corbett II (Billy Rothwell)
1965 Owen Moran
1966 Battling Levinsky
1967 Joe Jeannette
1968 Philadelphia Jack O'Brien
1969 Leo Houck
1969 Jeff Smith
1970 Kid Williams
1970 Harry Wills
1971 Paul Berlenbach
1971 Tiger Flowers
1972 Billy Papke
1972 Fidel LaBarba
1973 Jack Delaney
1973 Frankie Genaro
1974 George K.O. Chaney
1974 Frank Klaus

Pioneer Group—Elected by Directors

1954 James Figg
1954 Jack Broughton
1954 Tom Cribb
1954 Tom Hyer
1954 Daniel Mendoza
1954 Tom Sayers
1954 Gentleman John Jackson
1954 John C. Heenan
1954 Arthur Chambers
1954 John Morrissey
1954 Jem Mace
1955 William (Bendigo) Thompson
1956 Bill Richmond
1957 Peter Jackson
1958 Tom Molineaux
1959 John Gully
1960 Don Donnelly
1961 Tom Spring
1962 Ned Price
1963 Jem Ward
1964 Sam Collyer
1965 Jake Kilrain
1966 James (Deaf) Burke
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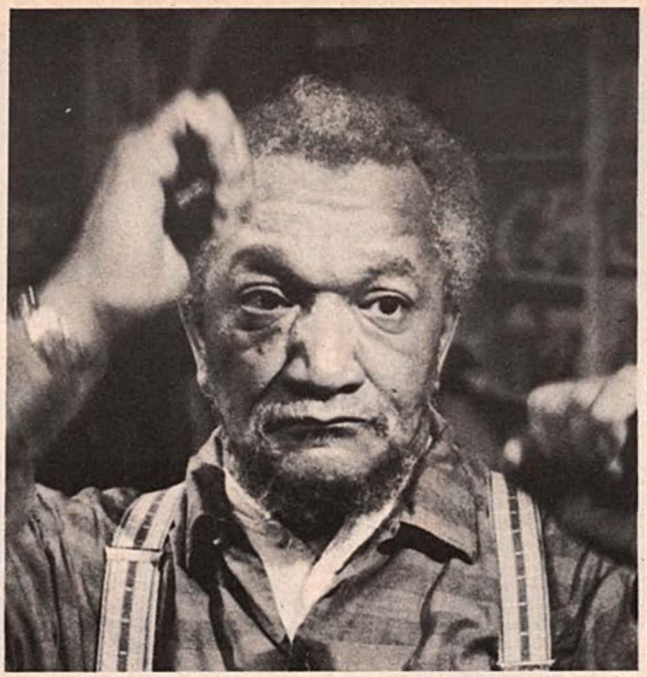

Redd Foxx, television personality, an undefeated lightweight in the 30's, who knocked out 16 opponents while fighting under the name of "Smily" Sanford.

Redd Foxx Back In Boxing

By JOHN BELLINO

HE CALLED himself "Smily Sanford," and he racked up 16 victories in as many fights, leaving his foes on the canvas.

Then came a stage of a different sort. But what boxing lost, show business gained as the aspiring lightweight took to the nightclub circuit for 40 years before making it big on TV with the popular "Sanford and Son."

The character is Redd Foxx, a hot fighter in the '30s who started out in the same boxing school, an obscure church on 5600 South Michigan in Chicago, as the Old Mongoose, former light heavyweight champion, Archie Moore.

"Yea Archie and I started out in the same place," Sanford said. Then, alluding to Moore's age, Foxx quipped, "But when Moore was getting his first car, I was getting my first bike."

But the 50-some year old Foxx never completely left the ring. He parlayed a stake in the fortunes of Chicago successful light heavyweight Bob Satterfield.

And now he's lending a helping hand to another Chicagoan and a promising heavyweight, ex-Golden Gloves champion Fred Houpe, alias "Young Sanford."

Houpe is undefeated in four professional fights, having dispatched Budda Brooks in his pro debut in the second round, as well as three others in a similar abbreviated manner. Los Angeles newspapers complimented the Peppardine University student's potent left hand. "It's always been his power punch," Chicago analyst and former ranking lightweight Carlo Sarlo explained.

Houpe is still working on a smooth flowing right hand punch, which he hopes to hone in a match in Chicago.

Meanwhile Fred's manager Hayward Jones and Foxx are also working on getting the 205 pound 6-2½ Houpe more fights. "It's really been hard to get enough bouts to keep busy," Houpe says. "I won the Diamond Belt, symbol of boxing supremacy in the Southwest Pacific Coast, without having to fight a single match."

Houpe made his boxing debut at Keyman's Club in Chicago when as a 16-year-old he lost to 25-year-old John Thomas. From there the Wendell Phillips high school student went on to win 14 straight victories, including the Catholic Youth Organization Novice Championship.

Then came the ill-fated International Boxing League. Fighting for the Chicago Clippers, Houpe TKOed Ron Lyle of the Denver Rocks.

Houpe suffered a relapse in 1970, losing to Billy Boy Thompson, whom he had defeated the year before. This time, the match cost him his Golden Gloves crown. But Houpe bounced back by knocking out Lyle in the second round of the National AAU tournament where he eventually wound up with a bronze medal.

In 1971 Houpe won the rubber against Billy Boy Thompson on his way to his second Illinois State heavyweight title. Later that year he won another bronze in the 1971 National AAU Championship tournament held in New Orleans.

In 1972, during his third attempt at an AAU title, Houpe met defeat at the fists of a budding heavyweight sailor, Duane Bobick.

Later that year the indefatigable Houpe won another Golden Gloves championship with a two round kay of popular Windy City battler, Cornel Verse.

Outside the ring, Houpe received an Associate of Arts degree from the YMCA Community College in Chicago.

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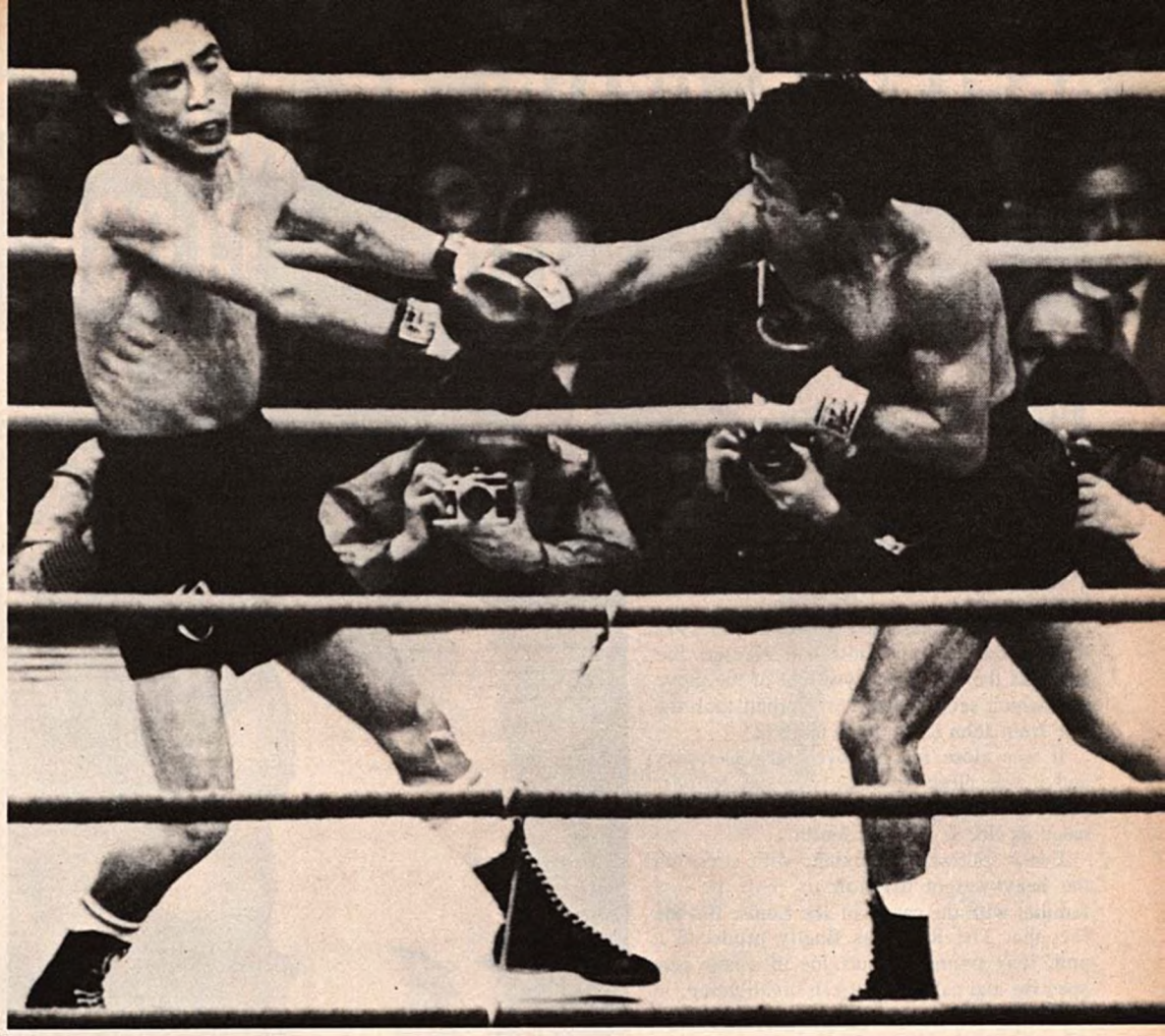

Miguel Canto, of Mexico, won recognition by The Ring as the world flyweight champion when he won a 15 round decision over Japanese Shoji Oguma in Japan.

By
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THE RING NAMES CANTO AS WORLD FLY CHAMP

WITH the world flyweight title open, the Ring has decided that the time has come to name a recognized champion of the division and has ruled that Miguel Canto, of Mexico, is entitled to the universal crown.

Canto settled the question of world supremacy when he defeated Shoji Oguma, of Japan, in a close 15-round fight.

Canto took from Oguma the WBC version of the title and The Ring has decided that the Mexican's right to the world crown is stronger than that of the WBA leader, Susumu Hanagata.

In naming Canto the world champion The Ring does not arrogate to itself a new privilege.

This magazine has made similar decisions in the past and is proud of the fact that these verdicts never failed to be accorded world support.

Sendai-City, Japan—Mexico's Miguel Canto won a WBC's version of world flyweight title, when he defeated Shoji Oguma, Japanese lefty, by a majority decision in 15 speedy rounds. It was a close contest. Fast did they move and punch throughout the scrap.

Jay Edson, U.S. referee, and Mexican judge Jose Escarante gave Canto their votes 147-145 and 149-145, respectively. Hiroyuki Tezaki, judge in Japan, saw it a draw 147-147 under 10-point must system.

Waste papers were thrown by partisan spectators to protest the decision. Canto, 26-years old, was a good counterpuncher to score well-timed combinations to his rival's face. Oguma, 23, sent stronger lefts from his lefty style to elusive Canto. The winner proved more ringwise in later rounds than the taller Japanese.

They made a cautious start. Canto, boasting of four wins in as many fights against southpaws, caught Oguma with a long right to take the third round. Oguma, who dethroned Betulio Gonzales, Venezuela, fought back to win the next session. At the end of the round Oguma's one-two sent the Mexican to the canvas, but the third man called it a slip.

Sure, the floor might have been slippery. Canto downed on four occasions in the fight without being counted by the ref. Oguma chased the elusive Mexican by a jolting attack

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GREATEST HEAVY OF ALL, JOE LOUIS, WAS NOT WITHOUT CLOSE CALLS

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

IN its March issue the Ring Magazine published the first set of all-time selections in the eight standard divisions it had presented in its 53 years. For years what had been regarded as the Ring's choices were the personal picks of the late Nat Fleischer, made exclusively for the Ring Record Book and Encyclopedia.

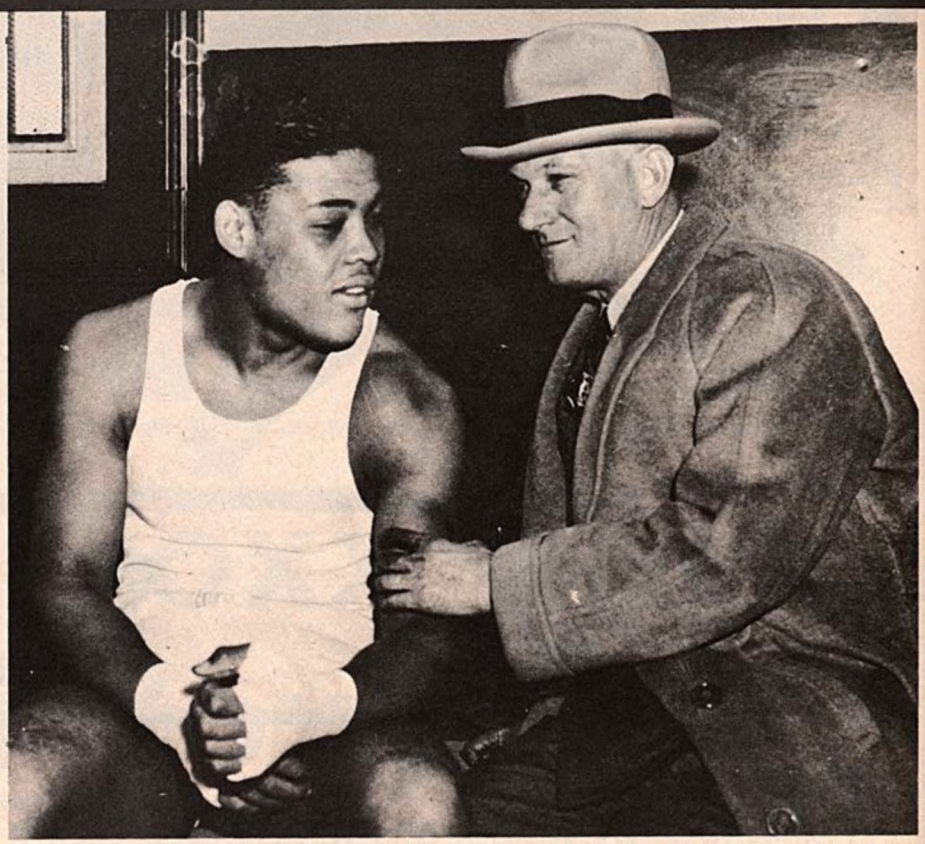
The choices presented in the March 1975 Ring show that the poll had elected Joe Louis as the No. 1 heavyweight of the glove era, which set in when Jim Corbett took the title from John L. Sullivan in 1892.

It was close for Joe over Jack Dempsey and it was close for Jack over Jim Jeffries. Jack Johnson, whom Fleischer had designated as No. 1, finished fourth.

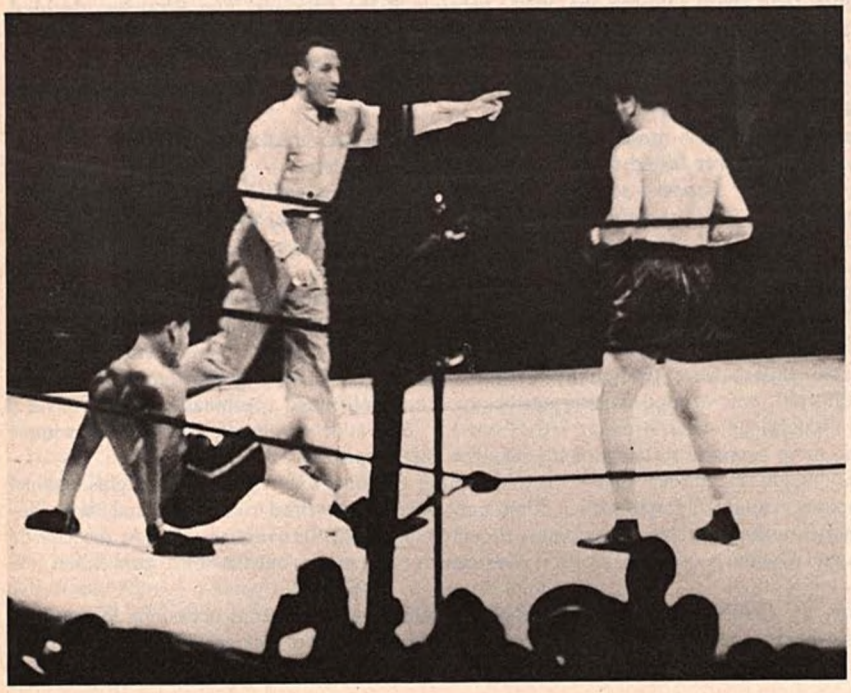
Every follower of boxing, with stress on the heavyweight division, is more or less familiar with the career of Joe Louis. But the fact that The Ring has finally produced a poll, long promised, puts Joe in a new perspective and calls for a fresh highlighting, in words and pictures, of the leading developments in the Joe Louis Story.

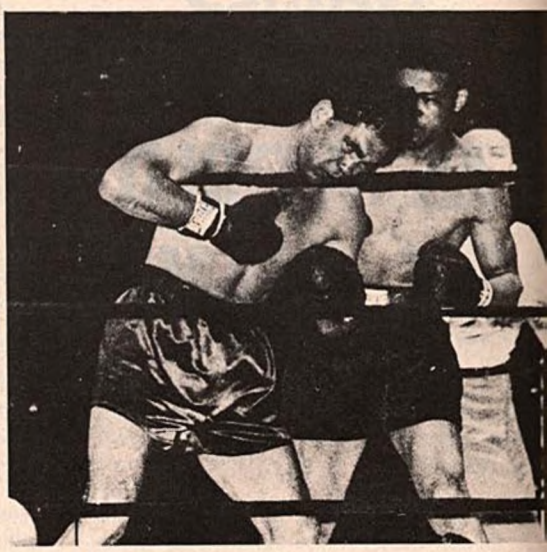
Our Hero, whose real name is Joe Louis Barrow, was born on May 13, 1914 at Lafayette, Ala.

No romantic Southern mansion was the venue of his appearance. The fact is that Joe



Joe Louis with Madison Square Garden promoter, Mike Jacobs. Louis was the ace in the hole that helped Uncle Mike reach promotional heights.





An undefeated Louis couldn't fathom Max Schmeling's right hand and was defeated in 12 rounds in 1936. Two years later Louis got another shot at Max and knocked the German out in 1 round.

arrived in a family which did not need another mouth to feed.

But oh, how changed the Barrow situation became as Joe rose in the fistic firmament. His ring earnings reached the total of nearly $5,000,000.

Sad to relate, of this impressive sum nothing remains.

His latest source of income is a job in the show piece at Caesar's Palace Hotel in Las Vegas.

Where has all the money gone? Certainly not easy come but emphatically easy go. Very few heavyweight champions have saved their money the way Muhammad Ali had held on to it. The average champion has lived on a scale which took for granted the flow of unlimited resources.

Few heavyweight champions have been the stars of long amateur careers. Louis fought as an amateur around Chicago but he showed high promise from the beginning and was allowed to spend little time among the fight-for-watches boys.

He broke in as a professional on July 4, 1934, with a one round KO over Jack Kracken in Chicago.

Two years in the pro ranks and he was firmly established in the Big Time.

His second year was productive of knockouts over Max Baer and Paulino Uzcudun, each in no more than four rounds. It was success of a kind unprecedented in heavyweight history.

There was none of that protracted matching with stiffs which has become the regular thing in these times.

By the end of 1935 fight experts had begun to regard Joe Louis as the next heavyweight champion of the world.

However, there was quite an interval before Joe Louis Barrow arrived at the title.

There was Jack Sharkey, then came Primo Carnera, followed by Max Baer and then by the amazing success of Jimmy Braddock.

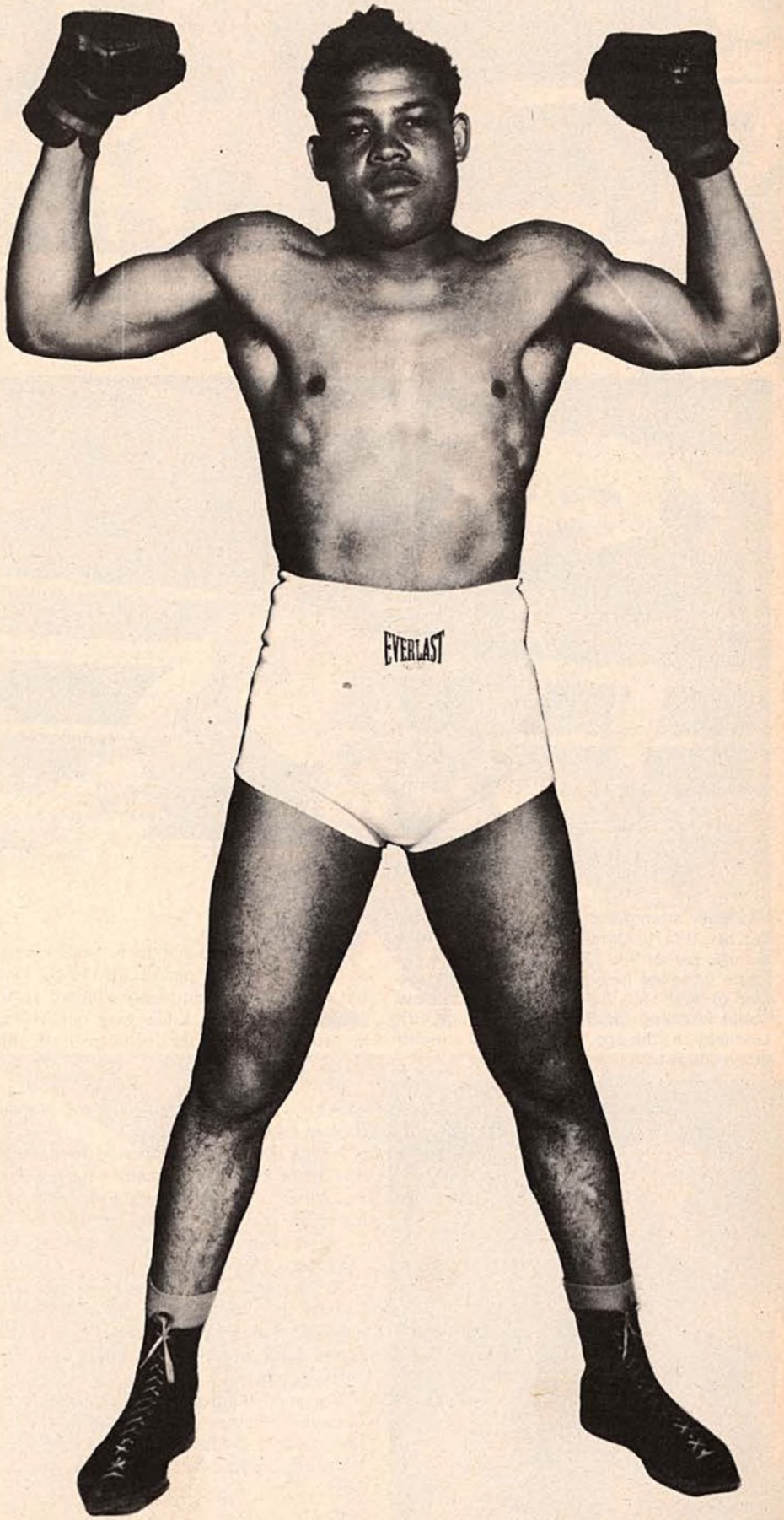
However, the rise of Louis to the title was inevitable.

On June 2, 1937, Joe stopped Braddock in the eighth round in Chicago.

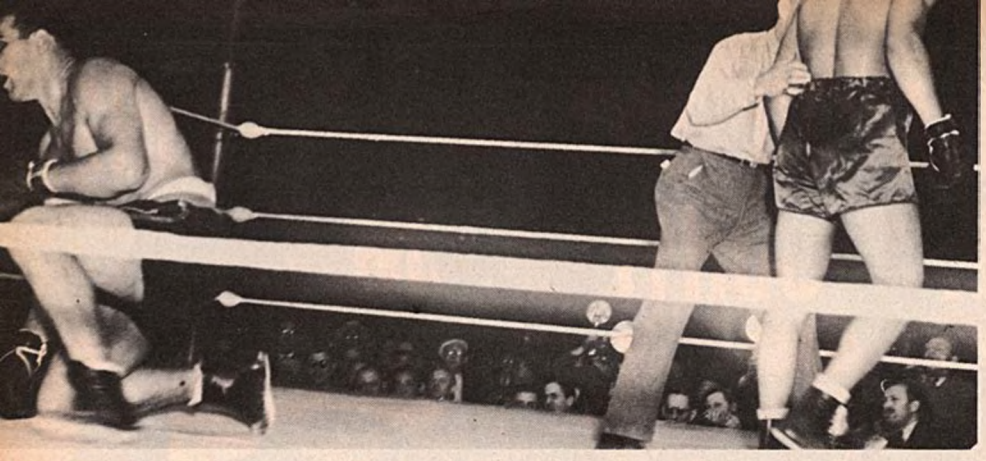
Scarcely anybody expected Braddock to retain his title but he did not give up without a surprise. Jimmy decked Joe in the first round. It did not leave Louis shaken and wobbly but it was an official knockdown nevertheless.

Joe's career, which included 71 fights, was not without its scares for the champion and surprising turns like the close call against Jersey Joe Walcott, Billy Conn and Tony Galento.

Boxing historians have it that at the close of the twelfth round against Conn, Louis was running second and Billy appeared to have the title safe.

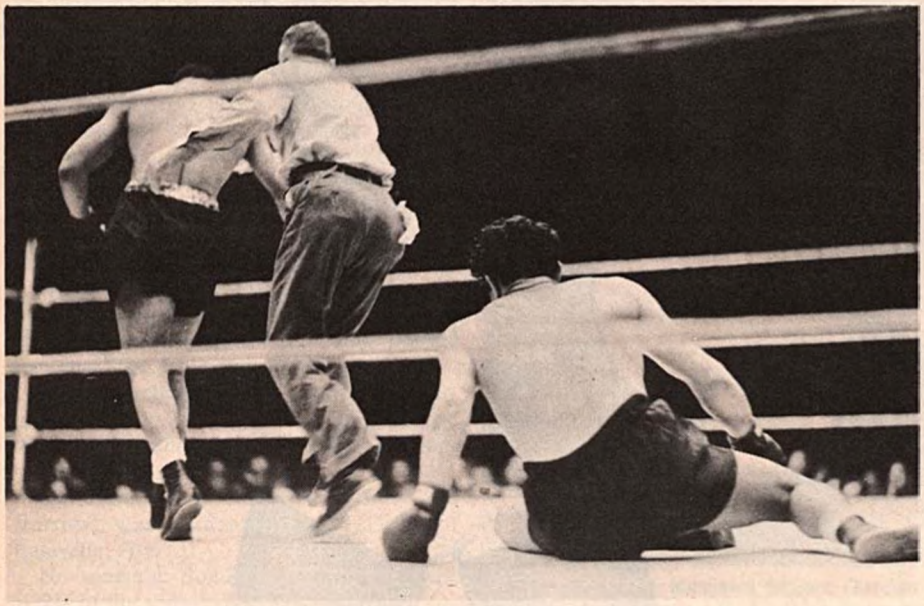


Joe Louis as he looked in his prime when The Joe Louis Legend was born.



Referee Arthur Donovan guides Joe Louis to a neutral corner after Joe dropped Primo Carnera for one of four times in fight. Fight was halted in 6th round of their June 25, 1935 fight at the Yankee Stadium. The knockout continued Joe on his drive for the world heavy title.

Louis floors Jack Sharkey, ending Jack's hope of regaining his title. It was the first knockdown of the fight in the second round. Seconds later Sharkey was dropped again but lasted the round. The third round saw his finish when he was floored twice, the second for the full count.



Max Baer attempting a comeback after losing his title to James J. Braddock three months earlier had his hopes dashed when Louis knocked him out in the fourth session of their 1935 fight in New York. Below: Louis finishing off the aspirations of King Levinsky in Chicago, in one round a month before his demolishment of Baer.

But Conn would not leave well enough alone. He got frisky and decided to cut loose for a knockout. Thoroughly aroused to his dangerous situation, Louis gave out with all he had and stopped the Irishman in the thirteenth round.

In a second meeting with Conn, Louis, as was his custom in return fights, stopped Billy in eight.

Jersey Joe Walcott appeared to have the title at the end of 15 rounds with Louis on December 5, 1947. But when the announcer blared the decision it was in favor of the title holder. Louis stopped Walcott in eight rounds the following June.

As the years rolled along with Joe Louis holding the championship, he turned down nobody. Every contender got a shot and quite a lot of non contenders got their chances, too.

But good things do not last forever. The champion began to fade. He did not want to lose the title in the ring and decided to announce his retirement. This was on March 1, 1949.

Promoters hate to see good fighters quit the ring, and for obvious reasons. Joe was induced to make a comeback and like nearly all of such ventures, it failed. He left the ring for good on October 26, 1951, when he was knocked out by Rocky Marciano, who was on his way to the title.

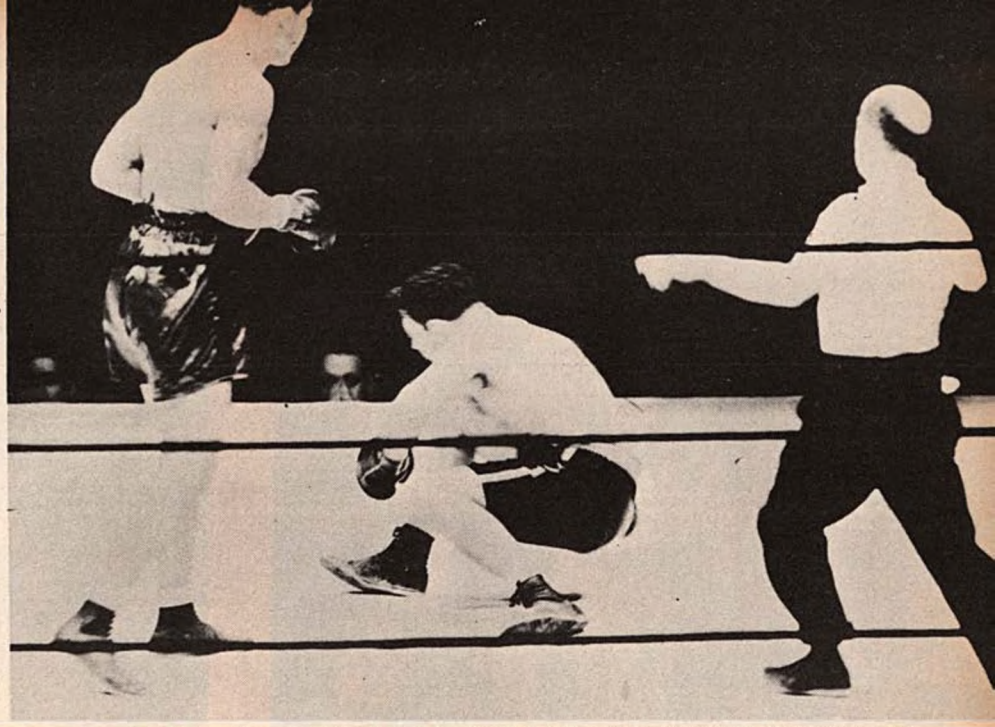
Only once before had Joe been stopped and that was before he acquired the championship, by Max Schmeling in the twelfth round.

After Joe had become the champion he paid the German back with heavy interest by stopping him in the first round.

Of Joe's 71 fights he won 54 by knockouts, 13 by decision. He won once on a foul.

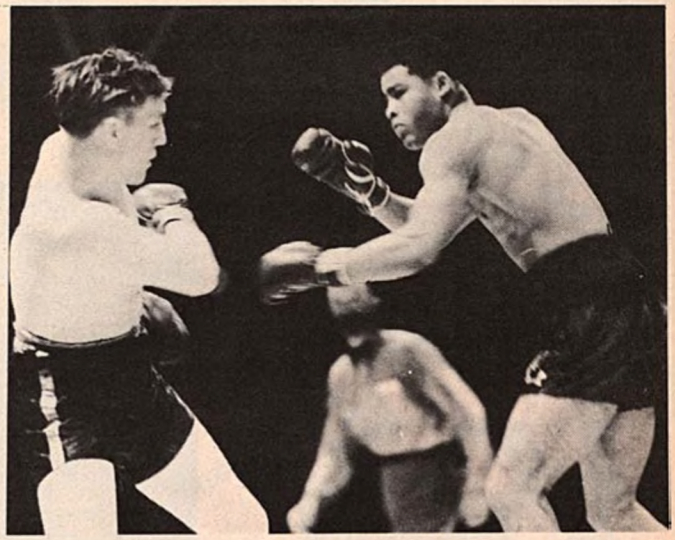
Truly, as the Ring poll has decided, the greatest heavyweight in the glove era of boxing.

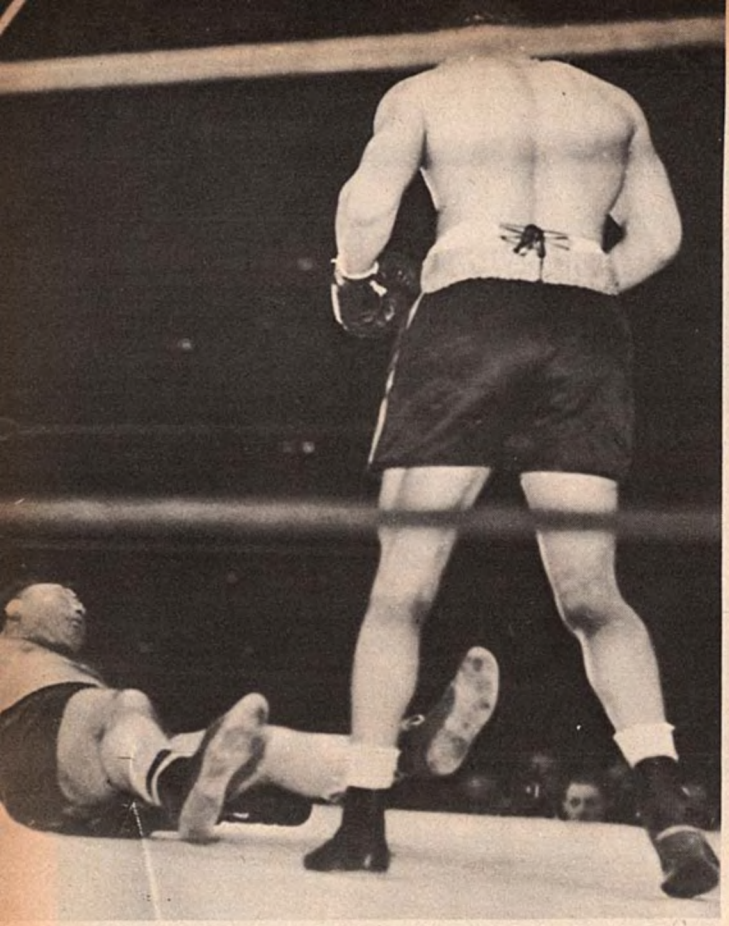
In 1936 at New York's Hippodrome, Louis proved he was the "Brown Bomber" when he finished off the hopes of Jorge Brescia, of Argentina, in the third round.

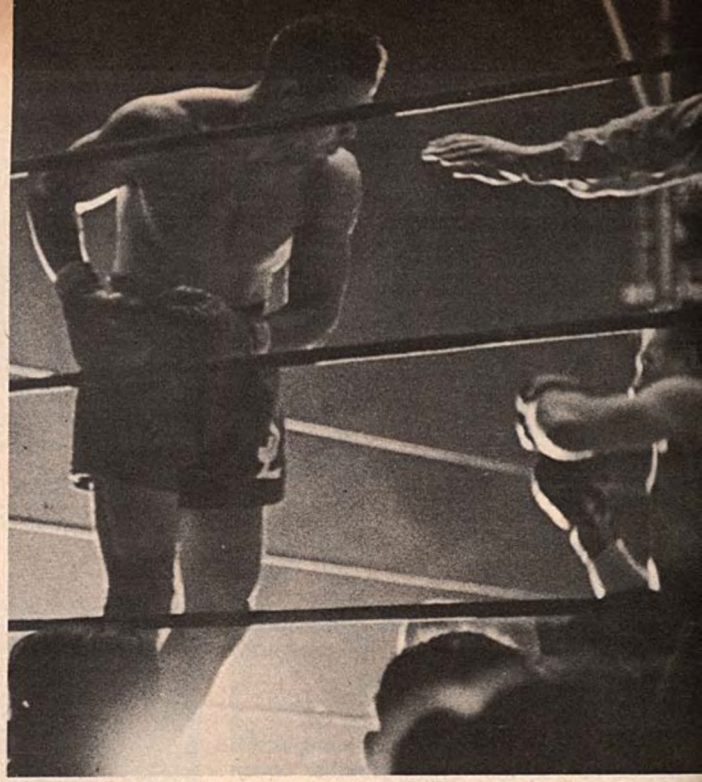


Joe's big night! The time was 1937 and Joe won the world heavyweight championship by knocking out James J. Braddock in eight rounds.

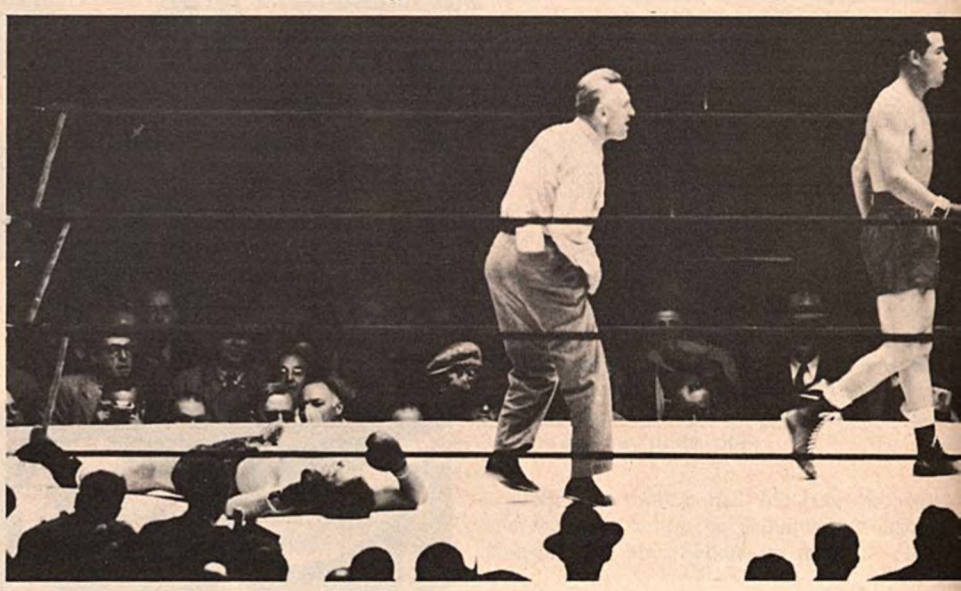
In the first defense of his title, Louis took on the Welshman, Tommy Farr, who went down to defeat after 15 hard fought rounds. Below: In 1939 Louis met John Henry Lewis and out of compassion knocked out John as quickly as he could, in one round.



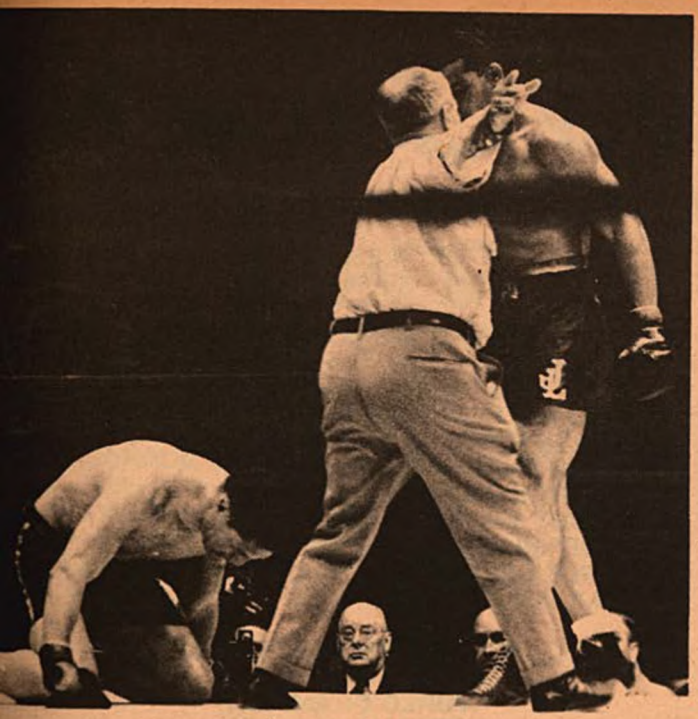




On left Louis in one of his most exciting championship defenses. Tony Galento, New Jersey's hope, surprised fans and Joe by connecting with a left hook from the floor in round two that dropped the champ. It was the challenger's last effort and Joe climbed off the canvas to trounce Galento; his ferocity caused referee Donovan to halt the fight in the fourth to save Galento from further punishment. Below: The fateful round in which Billy Conn, ahead on points, elected to mix it with the champ and was knocked out for his daring.

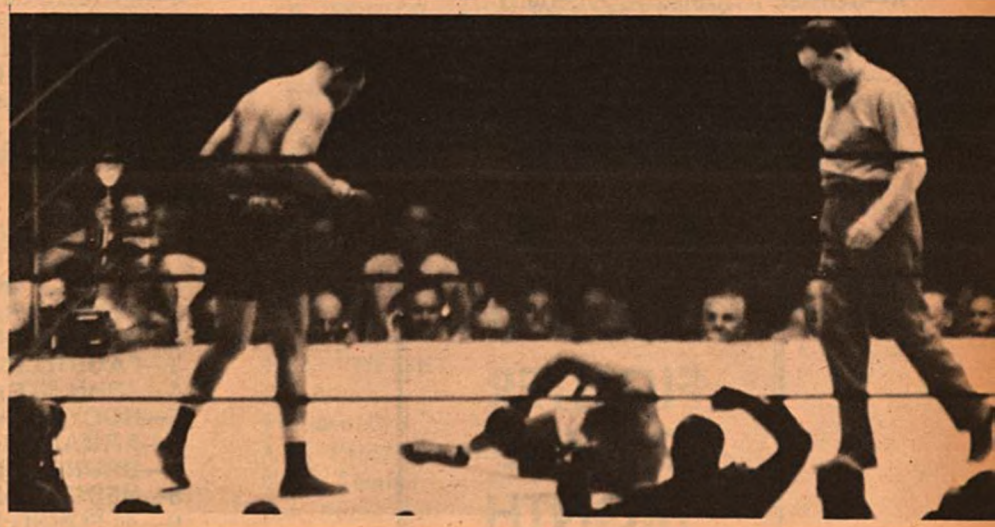


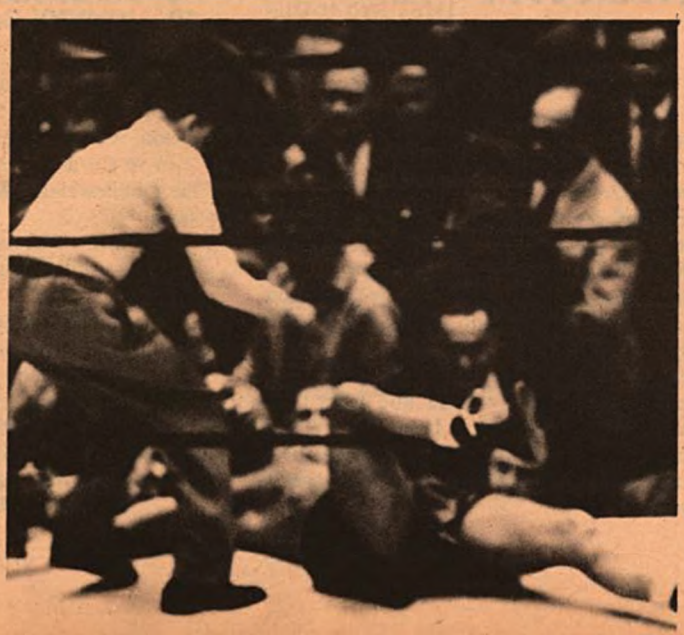
The second meeting with Conn was almost no contest as Louis was in command through their post WWII fight held in New York in 1946. Joe picked his spots and round eight was the end for Billy.



Louis always did better in his second fights with challengers. In his first fight with Arturo Godoy, Joe won a 15-round decision. In this, his second time around, the same year, 1940, Joe polished off Godoy in eight rounds having solved Godoy's unorthodox style.

In Louis' first meeting with Buddy Baer, out to revenge the defeat of brother Max, the champ won a disqualification in the seventh round when Buddy fouled the champ. The following year Buddy got another shot and was knocked out in one round.





In 1948 Louis successfully defended his title for the 25th time by knocking out Jersey Joe Walcott in the eleventh round at the New York Polo Grounds. Below: Louis, who had retired undefeated in 1949 was back on the comeback trail in 1951 but ran into disaster at the hands of Rocky Marciano who knocked out Louis in eight at Madison Square Garden.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATING FOR THE MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1975

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY), Chicago, Ill.
1—GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
2—JOE FRAZIER, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—RON LYLE, Denver, Colo.
4—JOE BUGNER, England
5—OSCAR BONAVENA, Argentina
6—KEN NORTON, San Diego, Calif.
7—JERRY QUARRY, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—CHUCK WEPNER, Bayonne, N.J.
9—HENRY CLARK, San Francisco, Calif.
10—BUNNY JOHNSON, England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—JOHN CONTEH, England
2—VICTOR GALINDEZ, Argentina
3—LEN HUTCHINS, Detroit, Mich.
4—JORGE AHUMADA, Argentina
5—ALVARO LOPEZ, Stockton, Calif.
6—RICHIE KATES, Philadelphia, Pa.
7—PIERRE FOURIE, South Africa
8—MAXIE SMITH, England
9—TOM BETHEA, New York, N.Y.
10—DOMENICO ADINOLFI, Italy

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1—RODRIGO VALDEZ, Colombia
2—TONY LICATA, New Orleans, La.
3—VITO ANTUOFERMO, Brooklyn, N.Y.
4—GRATIEN TONNA, France
5—KEVIN FINNEGAN, England
6—GEORGE COOPER, Oakland, Calif.
7—BOBBY WATTS, Philadelphia, Pa.
8—TONY MUNDINE, Australia
9—EMILE GRIFFITH, New York, N.Y.
10—MAX COHEN, France

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 154 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KOICHI WAJIMA, Japan
1—OSCAR ALVARADO, Uvalde, Texas
2—ELISHA OBED, Nassau, Bahamas
3—JOSE DURAN, Spain
4—MIGUEL de OLIVIERA, Brazil
5—MIGUEL ANGEL CAMPANINO, Argentina
6—MAURICE HOPE, England
7—ECKHART DAGGE, Germany
8—MIGUEL CASTELLINI, Argentina
9—CHARKEY RAMON, Australia
10—DONATO PADUANO, Canada

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1—CLYDE GRAY, Canada
2—ANGEL ESPADA, Puerto Rico
3—FAUSTO RODRIGUEZ, Dominican Rep.
4—JOHN STRACEY, England
5—ROCKY MATTIOLO, Australia
6—ARMANDO MUNIZ, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—BRUNO ARCARI, Italy
8—HEDGEMON LEWIS, Detroit, Mich.
9—ALFONSO HAYMAN, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—JOHNNY GANT, Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1—ESTEBAN DeJESUS, Puerto Rico
2—HECTOR THOMPSON, Australia
3—PEDRO FERNANDEZ, Spain
4—TONY PETRONELLI, Taunton, Mass.
5—MONROE BROOKS, Los Angeles, Calif.
6—TONI ORTIZ, Spain
7—EMILIANO VILLA, Colombia
8—LEONCIO ORTIZ, Mexico
9—BROOKS BYRD, Clovis, N.M.
10—MIGUEL BARRETO, Puerto Rico

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1—RAY LAMPKIN, Portland, Ore.
2—KEN BUCHANAN, Scotland
3—ANGEL MAYORAL, Las Vegas, Nev.
4—ISHIMATSU SUZUKI, Japan
5—ARTURO PINEDA, Mexico
6—RAY LUNNY III, San Francisco, Calif.
7—HUGO BARRAZA, Colombia
8—JOSE LUIS LOPEZ, Mexico
9—SHENGSAK MUANGSURIN, Thailand
10—HUGO GUTIERREZ, Argentina

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BEN VILLAFLOR, Philippines
1—SVEN-ERIK PAULSEN, Norway
2—KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
3—TYRONE EVERETT, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—VICTOR ECHEGARAY, Argentina
5—SAMUEL SERRANO, Puerto Rico
6—LOTHAR ABEND, Germany
7—JEAN BAPTISTE PIEDVACHE, France
8—MARIO ROMAN, Mexico
9—APOLLO YOSHIO, Japan
10—PEDRO AGUERO, Argentina

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1—BOBBY CHACON, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—ALEXIS ARGUELLO, Nicaragua
3—LIONEL HERNANDEZ, Venezuela
4—ART HAFEY, Canada
5—RUBEN OLIVARES, Mexico
6—SHIG FUKUYAMA, Japan
7—ANTONIO (GITANO) JIMINEZ, Spain
8—ROYAL KOBAYASHI, Japan
9—EDER JOFRE, Brazil
10—ALFREDO MARCANO, Venezuela

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
SOO HWAN HONG, Korea
1—RODOLFO MARTINEZ, Mexico
2—BENICIO SOSA, Argentina
3—ROMEO ANAYA, Mexico
4—RODOLFO HERRERA, Mexico
5—ARNOLD TAYLOR, South Africa
6—DAVID VASQUEZ, New York, N.Y.
7—ALFONSO ZAMORA, Mexico
8—PAUL FERRERI, Australia
9—DAVID NEEDHAM, England
10—JOSE LUIS SOTO, Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
MIGUEL CANTO, Merida, Mexico
1—THANOMJIT SUKOTHAI, Thailand
2—BETULIO GONZALEZ, Venezuela
3—SHOJI OGUMA, Japan
4—SUSUMU HANAGATA, Japan
5—ERBITO SALVARRIA, Philippines
6—IGNACIO ESPINOZA, Dominican Rep.
7—FRITZ CHERVET, Switzerland
8—VICENTE POOL, Mexico
9—CECIL ESCOBIDO, Philippines
10—PABLO JIMINEZ, Dominican Rep.

MIGUEL CANTO FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

PICKING the Fighter of the Month for this edition of the Ring took an unusual turn. It shifted to the lightest of all the eight standard divisions of the fistic field—the flyweight section.

It also revealed this magazine in the role of title maker. The Ring faced with an open title designated Miguel Canto winner over Shoji Oguma, WBC titleholder, legitimate titleholder.

The Ring decided that Canto presented the better claim than does Susumu Hanagata, the WBA claimant.

Canto moved into the championship through a victory over Oguma. The fight was a close one and Canto displayed all of the requirements of a leader.

The No. 2 man in the race for the Fighter of the Month race was Koichi Wajima, who regained the junior middle title from Oscar Alvarado. Oscar took the title from Wajima last June.

The No. 3 man is Bunny Johnson, heavyweight, originally from Jamaica. He knocked out Danny McAlinden for the British championship, in the ninth round.

The victory was a very important one for Bunny as it placed him No. 10 in the ranking of world heavies. He chased out Larry Middleton, who had been inactive.

In so far as the ratings are concerned, they show no changes in the middleweight, welter, junior welter and junior lightweight divisions.

The lack of action in the ratings of these weight classifications may be ascribed to the lack of fights before and right after the holidays.

One of the features of the material which went into the rankings was the appearance of Eder Jofre in the ring for the first time in a year. He had been regarded as retired. Eder had to go ten rounds to beat Filberto Herrera of Brazil. His reappearance was hailed as a great performance by his adherents. As is well known, Jofre does not have to fight for a living.

Dave Needham, new British bantam champion, took the place of

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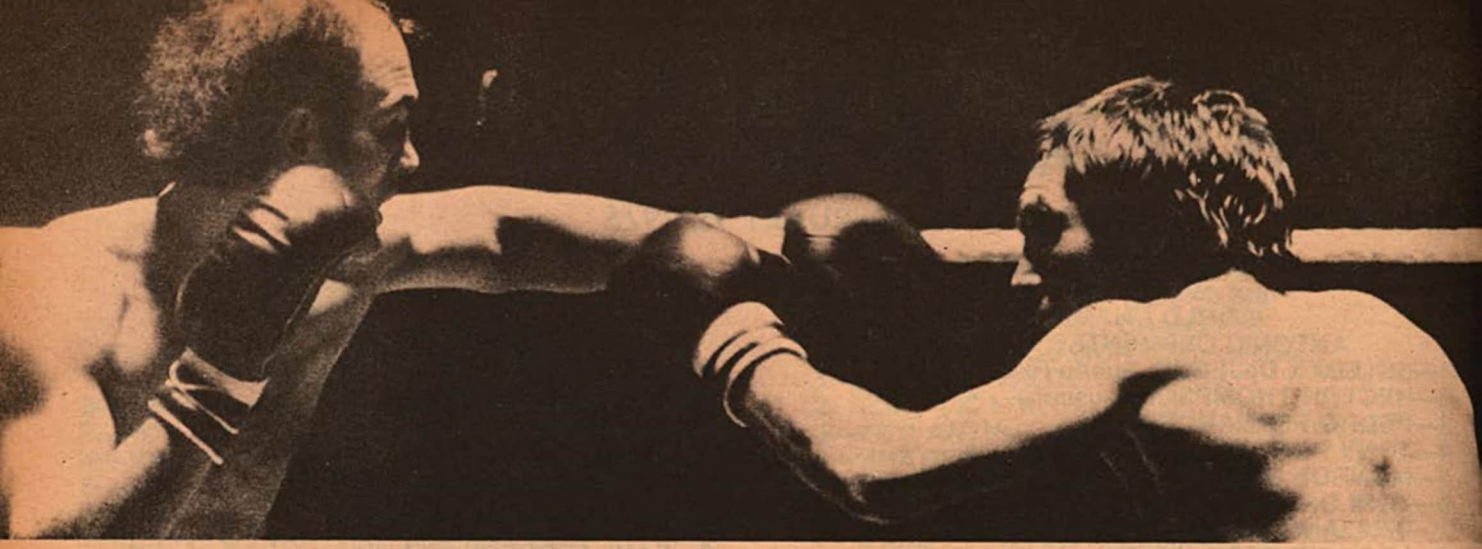
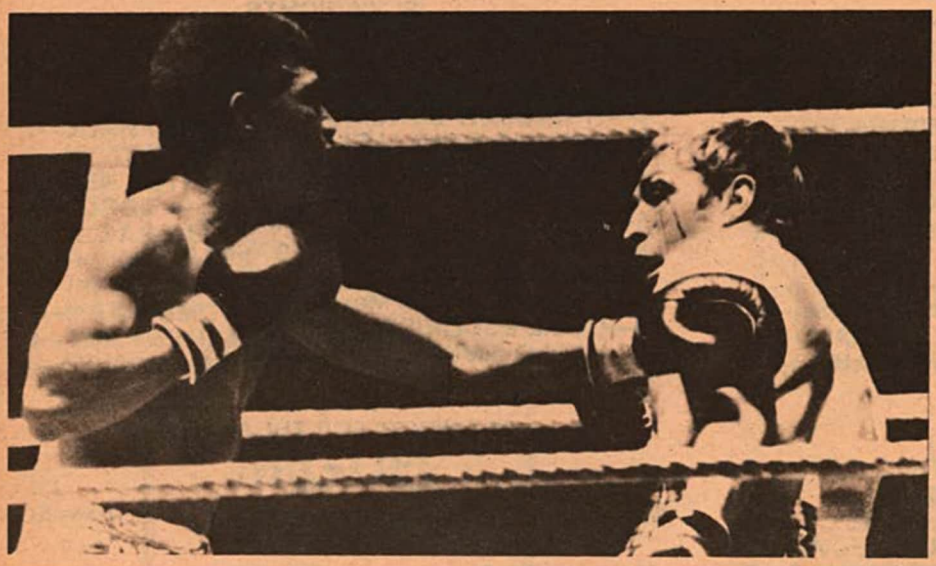
PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Jim Patzke Portland, Ore.	8/73	5	5	0	0	5
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Carlos Tijerina San Diego, Calif.	9/74	8	7	1	0	6
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Ike Shipman Denver, Colo.	9/74	6	6	0	0	5
WELTERWEIGHT						
Gary Holmgren St. Paul, Minn.	5/74	6	5	1	0	5
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Victor Del La Cruz Santa Maria, Calif.	8/74	6	3	1	2	0
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Pedro Jose Diaz Dominican Rep.	1/73	11	10	1	0	3
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Wilfredo Castro Colombia	6/73	7	6	1	0	2
FLYWEIGHT						
Pedro Domingo Brazil	9/71	17	15	2	0	3



On his showing in New York, Max Cohen, French middleweight, was rated low. But here we see the 33 year old Frenchman against Jean Claude Bouttier, in Paris. Maxie beat Jean on a TKO in eleven rounds and now the victor is headed for a fight with Rodrigo Valdes, of Colombia, in a match for the WBC version of the middleweight championship.



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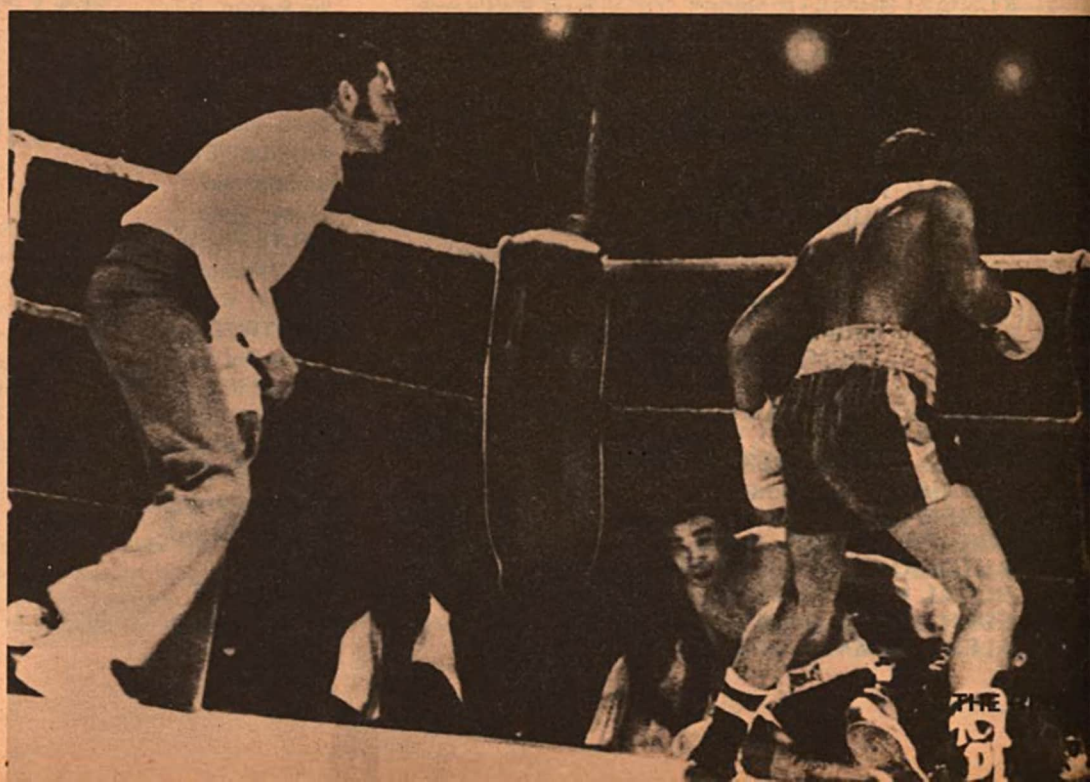
This is a fight for the lightweight championship of Europe between Ken Buchanan, of Scotland, the former world title holder, and Leonard Tavarez. Ken retained the championship of Europe by stopping Tavarez in 14 rounds.

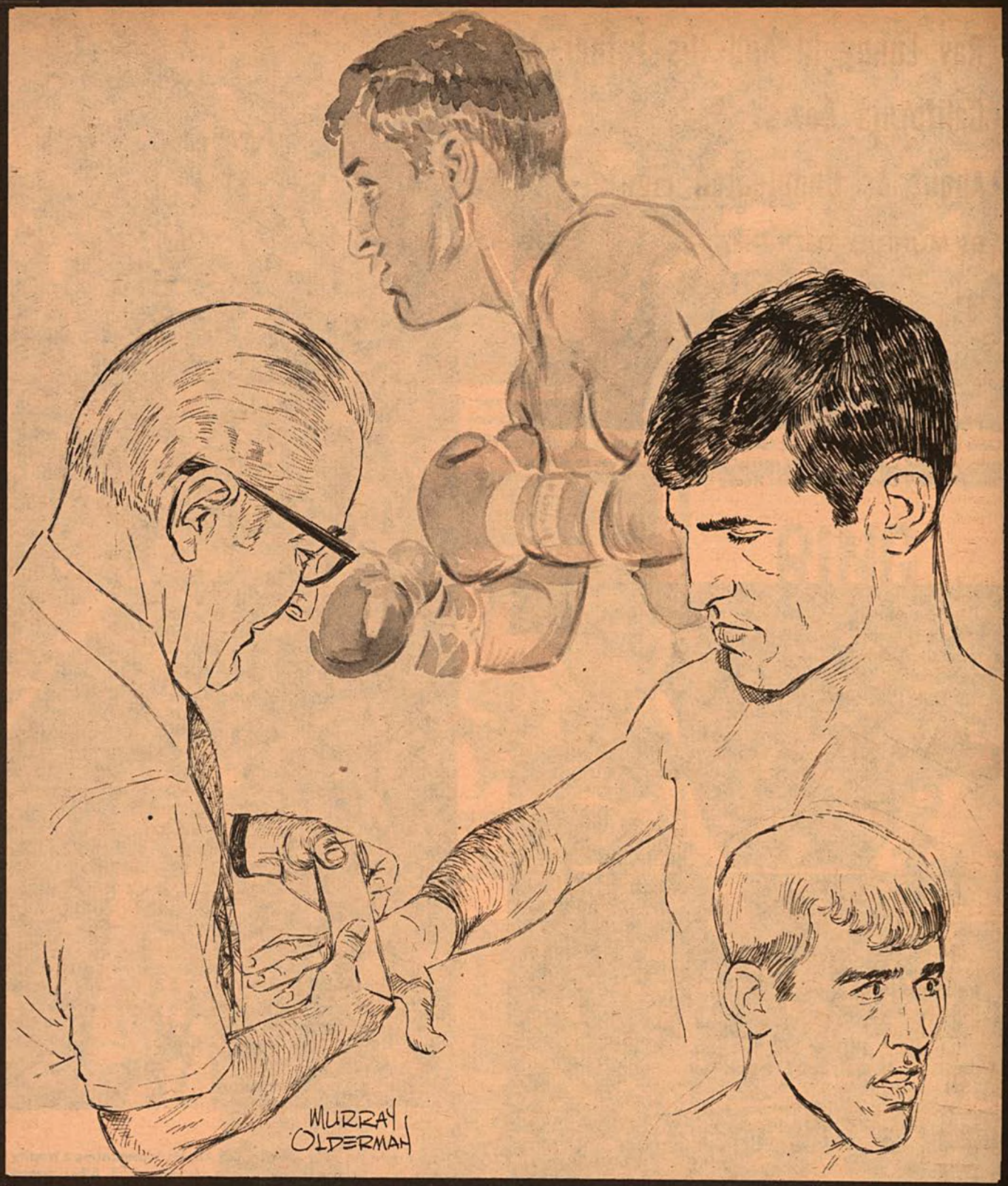


The poor guy on the canvas is a Japanese lightweight named Masataka Takayama. It is the fifth round in Costa Rica and Takayama just has been decked for the third time and out in that heat by Roberto Duran, of Panama, the lightweight champion of the world.

Know them? From left to right, former champions Billy Conn, Jake La Motta and Joe Louis. They got special awards for services to boxing in Chicago before Denny Moyer beat Rocky De Fazio.

On the right we have Muhammad Ali. He is presenting a trophy to Bob Foster, retired light heavyweight champion, at Albuquerque, Bob's home town. No former champion ever deserved an award more than did Foster.

The gentleman on the floor is Niliberto Herrera and the scrapper standing up is the Eder Jofre, who had been regarded as retired. But Jof was very much alive as he took Herrera in ten and dumped him as you see, in the sixth.



LUNNYS, FIGHTER AND DAD, AIM FOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

Ray Lunny III And His Father Are Giving California Boxing Fans Something New To Cheer About As Undefeated Fighter Aims For Title

By MURRAY OLDERMAN

THE KID was, he admitted later, scared to death. Hell, here he was in the same ring with a champion of the world. The world. Not Redwood City. Or even San Francisco. It was something, he said, he had dreamed of all his life.

And now in the second round, the champion reached all the way back for a sweeping left hook, and it nailed the kid right on the point of the chin and dumped him on the ring canvas. On his pants.

Right then, Ray Lunny III — the kid — stopped being scared. He bounced right back up and started being a fighter, a professional fighter. He jabbed with his left, zing, zing, and he whirled to his left, away from the southpaw swings of the champion. Then he stepped smartly inside and whistled right crosses, tat, tat. And the champion stopped and took another look at the kid.

By the time they came out for round six, it was a fight. But now the kid was the aggressor because in the middle of the round they collided head-on and when the champ stepped back a gash spurted open above his left eye and the blood spurted down into the socket. They finally had to stop the fight after the sixth because the cut had split further open.

And in the curious rules of the California State Boxing Commission, the fight was ruled a draw because the referee called it an "accidental butt" and the victim was not ahead on points.

In fact, on the cards of the two judges, Ray Lunny III was leading against Ben Villaflor, the junior lightweight champion of the world.

Remember the name. Ray Lunny III. It could mean something. He's different. The names you see on a boxing card in California are Montoya and Alcala, Echevarria and Robles, and if it comes up something like Collins or Baker you can generally figure the guy is black.

Boxing since it was graduated from clandestine barge brawls to the legitimacy of the ring late in the 19th century has always traced the curve of ethnic hunger. First there were the Irish, then the Jews, next the Italians, followed by the great breakthrough of the blacks, and now up to date with the Latins.

Ray Lunny III is a throwback, a 23-year-old whose antecedents go back to County Fermanagh in northern Ireland. He was born and reared in the comfortable upper middle class bin of Redwood City. He has even been to college. He is pale-skinned and black-haired, trimly groomed, the kind of kid who might come around trying to sell you an encyclopedia.

But he's a fighter who has now had 22 professional bouts and is still undefeated (three have been draws). And his most recent joust, the one with Villaflor, in a main event that drew $45,000 at the Cow Palace in San Francisco, proved that Ray can go in with the best and not come out looking bad.

Part of the credit should go to his heritage. The silver-haired gentleman in the white shirt who stands behind him in the corner is Raymond Edward Lunny, Jr. Around San Francisco, at the start of World War II, when boxing flourished, when Freddy Apostoli claimed the middleweight championship and old-timers sparkled with the memory of Willie Ritchie, world lightweight champ, the old man boxed professionally as Ray Lunny. He was a good one, a swift-hitting lightweight. Although he never fought for the championship, the Ring Boxing Encyclopedia shows Ray Lunny was good enough to be in with a couple of guys who held the featherweight title, Chalky Wright and Richie Lemos. He lost to Chalky but beat Lemos in a return bout after being stopped. Later he was the boxing coach at Stanford University for 25 years.

Now he is the manager of his son.

"If anything," says the father, "I encouraged young Ray to go into boxing. His mother was a little reluctant for him to become a professional.

"Personally, I wanted him to wait for the '72 Olympics, but when Ray decided to become a pro four years ago, right after he won the National AAU championship, we were right behind him."

The father-son combination in boxing is rare but not unprecedented. Young Stribling, a heavyweight contender of the Max Schmeling era, was managed by his father. The Quarry brothers, Jerry and Mike, were started out by their father. The Lunnys remember young Ray, as an amateur flyweight, sharing a dressing room with Mike Quarry.

"Hey, Looney," said Mike, "didja see our names in the paper about us both being in the finals tonight?"

"I saw it, Queery," retorted young Ray. "Hey, my name is pronounced Lun-nee."

The father isn't worried about his kid's ability to take care of himself in the ring. When he was 15, Ray had already sparred with 40 main-event pros, including Lionel Rose, the Australian aborigine who held the world's bantamweight title until 1969.

"When he first started out in amateur boxing," admits the father, "I was awake 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning before every fight. Drinking coffee. It was miserable. I wondered, 'Why did I ever get him involved in boxing?' As he gained experience and improved and started to win, I started to get more calm. Now I have such confidence in him."

Although he remains unbeaten, the kid's career has been relatively slow as a pro. He came off the deck in his first pro fight, in hostile Los Angeles, to get a draw. But he also broke his hand and had to wait seven months for it to heal. Then he lost half a year to the Marines. His hands have bothered him intermittently. He got married in the summer of '72 and stopped fighting for a couple of months, quit junior college and became a plumber.

It's something he can always go back to, but right now his main concentration is on the ring again. At 5-7½ he is tall for a lightweight. Actually, he always scales under 135 so the old man is stepping him down a notch and matching him exclusively in the junior lightweight class. He's a classic boxer with

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Johnny Kilbane as a champion

Cleveland Sadly Recollects Days When Great Fighters Made History

Lloyd Marshall

By JERRY FITCH

CLEVELAND, OHIO — Even the youngest of boxing fans are aware that New York has long been a great boxing city. Few know however that Cleveland was once a proud boxing center featuring many of the ring's greatest. Yes, Cleveland did make quite a dent in the world of boxing.

Going way back to the 1920's it featured such great names as Johnny Kilbane. Johnny was a Cleveland product who found much fame and fortune in the ring.

Born on April 18, 1889 of Irish stock, he became featherweight champion in 1912 and didn't lose it until 1923—a record 11 years. He died on May 31, 1957, in Cleveland and was elected into the Hall of Fame in 1960.

Of course, many junior readers can't relate to these "oldtimers". Among other greats who fought here in those days were Gene Tunney, Battling Levinsky, Maxie Rosenbloom and Harry Greb.

Of course, during those days boxing thrived in places other than Cleveland, as well. Living in Cleveland all my life I have heard many tales of the local "good old days".

The 30's, 40's and 50's were surely the boxing boom days in our city. There were many local stars who emerged from this era such as: Jackie Davis, Johnny Risko "The Baker Boy", Joey Maxim, Georgie Pace, Paul Pirrone, Jimmy Reeves, Chuck Hunter, Joe Botta, Louis Disantis, Jimmy Bivins and many others. Some were good, or near greats, others just average opposition, but they provided many avid fans with plenty of excitement, both here and in other cities across the country.

Far left: Ernie Shavers, who manager Don King had hoped would bring title to Cleveland and Lloyd Marshall, another heavyweight, who had all the tools but never made it to a crown.

Above: Archie Moore on way to relieve Cleveland product, Joey Maxim, of his light heavyweight title. Left to right: Joey Maxim with Fritzie Zivic, welter champ, and Anton Christoforidis, "The Fighting Greek," who called Cleveland "home." Below: Paul Pirrone, Clevelander, who fought in three divisions, lightweight up, in the 1920's and was a Lake Erie area favorite.

A good example of a fighter who lost a lot of fights but always gave his all was Paul Pirrone.

Paul started as a lightweight in the 20's and finished up as a middleweight in the late 30's. His record is spotted with many losses. But a closer examination shows that most of his opponents were of the champion caliber.

Among the many champions he fought at one time or another were: Babe Risko, Teddy Yarosz, Lou Brouillard, Gorilla Jones, Fred Apostoli, Ken Overlin, Jackie Fields and Young Corbett III. It seemed that to make it up the ladder you had to beat Paul Pirrone first. The last time I talked to Paul was in 1969. He was working at The Republic Steel Corp. here in Cleveland and looked fit as a fiddle.

You can look into any record book and see the names of many Cleveland-bred fighters and many Cleveland fights. The first modern-day heavyweight champion to appear here was Jack Dempsey, when he knocked out K.O. Christner in three rounds on Feb. 11, 1932.

A former neighbor of mine, Fred Irwin, remembers that bout and many others. Fred is in his 80's and can recall many great fights and fighters who graced Cleveland's boxing scene in the old days.

Gene Tunney, who dethroned Dempsey as champ, fought here against some pretty stiff opposition in Harry Greb and Johnny Risko.

The only heavyweight title fight held here was between Max Schmeling and Young Stribling in 1931. "Der Max" won that fight with a knockout in the 15th round before 37,396 Cleveland Stadium fans.

Many promoters have tried unsuccessfully over the years to land another title fight involving the "big boys". The latest promoter — Clevelander Donald King, thought he might land one when his charge Earnie Shavers burst into contention with a stunning first round kayo over former W.B.A. heavyweight champ Jimmy Ellis. But when "Irish" Jerry Quarry returned the favor and stopped Shavers in one round that ended King's dream and Earnie's title fight.

Don has however gone on to bigger and better things it would seem. Currently he is very much involved with putting on the Muhammad Ali-Chuck Wepner title fight scheduled for Cleveland.

The 40's produced lots of action and some big local names. Probably the biggest and best was Jimmy Bivins. You know his story. . .he was the guy who always managed to beat the best but at the wrong time and in the wrong place. Today he toils as a driver-salesman for a potato chip company and as others dreams of the days gone by. Still in shape and still smiling Jimmy has no regrets: only memories of when he was "Duration Heavyweight Champion".

Going down the ranks of the lighter weight classes you can find a list of fistic greatness and near greatness. Many of the light-heavyweight champs fought here including: Jack Delaney, Maxie Rosenbloom, Bob Olin, John Henry Lewis, Melio Bettina, Anton Christoforidis, Gus Lesnevich, Joey Maxim and the "Old Maestro" Archie Moore.

The wily mongoose met some rather tough competition here with the likes of Lloyd Marshall, Ezzard Charles and Jimmy Bivins as his foes. What can you say about a guy like Archie Moore? He was like fine wine in that he improved with age. He was a fighter who knew all the tricks and could take any-

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ARGUELLO NICARAGUA STANDOUT

By JOANIE LOUBET

NICARAGUA insists that Alexis Arguello, its leading fistic citizen, settled the featherweight championship muddle not so long ago when he stopped Ruben Oliveras in the thirteenth round.

This fight did not settle the world title issue. It did give Arguello the WBA part of the world championship.

Still to be reckoned with is Bobby Chacon, of Los Angeles, who is the WBC champion.

This situation is one of the several muddles concerning world championships.

A fight between Chacon and Arguello would be a real battle for a time honored championship. But with the WBC and the WBA fighting each other on every issue it appears that there will be no settlement of the conflict in the immediate future.

Arguello is the first Nicaraguan to win even half of a world title. As Oliveras discovered, Alexis is a stiff puncher and a clever boxer.

Nicaragua has had few boxers of world importance, making the success of Arguello a truly notable one in Latin American competition.

Arguello is socially as well as fistically endowed and is highly popular in Nicaragua. His record is an interesting one but when Alexis entered the ring with Ruben he did not appear to have the better chance. It was a hard fight in which the superior experience of Oliveras was not sufficient to keep him in the going for the advertised 15 rounds.

Arguello's early fights are to be found in no record book. He came along fast and he came along brilliantly and made quicker progress than any other standout featherweight in the history of that division.

Alexis Arguello, World Boxing Council featherweight champion, gets some pointers from Sugar Ray Robinson, former welter and middleweight champ.

Arguello strums out on his guitar as trainer, Ramon Dosman, looks on.

Here we see the champ bandaging his hands as ex-boxer, also a Nicaraguan hero, Raton Mojica, passes judgement.

New England's Big Three

Paul Poirier, New Bedford junior middleweight, who is undefeated.

Tony Petronelli, of East Bridgewater, who has won 26 out of 27 professional fights, 14 via the knockout route. He is a junior welterweight.

Marvin Hagler, Brockton's new hopeful, a middleweight with 15 straight wins of which 12 have been knockouts.

By DON HAMILL

BOSTON, MASS. — New England has produced many world champions and near champions. Three youngsters from Eastern Massachusetts appear on their way to greatness. Tony Petronelli, of East Bridgewater, has won the North American junior welterweight title; Marvin Hagler, of Brockton, captured the National A.A.U. championship in 1973 and is undefeated since turning professional later in the year, and 16-year-old Paul Poirier, of New Bedford, who also is unbeaten and shows much promise.

Tony Petronelli was born in Brockton 22 years ago. He attended East Bridgewater High School, where he was a track star. He comes from a boxing family and grew up with the sport around him.

His uncle, Guerino Petronelli, had boxed professionally as Goodie Peters. Tony's father, Pat, and Goodie operate a gymnasium in Brockton.

When Tony was about 15 years old he came home with a black eye. His father and Goodie, the head trainer of the Petronelli A.C., decided to teach him to box mainly to defend himself.

Tony liked boxing and insisted upon competing in the amateurs. He engaged in 56 amateur fights, winning 51 of them, and scoring 32 kayoes. He won the New England A.A.U. championship twice, the New England Golden Gloves twice, and went to the Nationals three times.

He went to Cincinnati for the U.S. Olympic tryouts where he scored five wins and then lost in the finals. All of his competition has been in the junior welterweight or 139 pound class.

Tony turned pro on July 27, 1972 with a one-round knockout over Jose Pagan Rivera. Since turning pro he has engaged in 27 bouts, winning 26 of them, 14 by knockouts. He won a clear cut 12 round decision over Hector Matta in Boston in July to win recognition as the American Junior Welterweight champion.

Others who have tasted defeat at his hands have been Frankie Davilla, Jim Henry, Cruz Ramos, Beau Jaynes (thrice), Pat Murphy, Johnny Howard (twice), Al Romano, and others.

Tony was married in September. He and his bride live on a 21-acre farm in East Bridgewater. He enjoys hunting and has beagles and saddle horses. He is confident and ready to fight any junior welterweight in the world. His father and uncle are guiding him up the ladder.

The Petronelli brothers also manage Marvin Hagler, unbeaten former National A.A.U. champion. He won the title in his second year in the amateurs. He is 22 years old. He moved to Brockton from New Jersey when he was 16 years old. Marvin also came to the Petronelli A.C. gym after he had been roughed up. He learned to box and started in the amateurs when he was 18 years old and had 42 amateur fights, lost only 3, and scored 36 kayoes.

Not only did he win the 1973 National A.A.U. championship, but he did it in the class above his usual weight, the 165 pound title. He was also declared the outstanding fighter of the tournament held at the Hynes Building in Boston.

The youngster who idolizes Sugar Ray Robinson has a dream of becoming a world champion. He turned pro on May 18, 1973 with a third round knockout over Terry Ryan in Brockton. He has romped through 15 straight wins scoring 12 knockouts on the way. In his biggest battle to date he won over previously unbeaten Ray Seales in Boston.

Seales had been a gold medal Olympic winner. Others who have gone down to defeat are Peachy Davis, Bob (Songbird) Williams, Curtis Phillips, Bob Herrington, and Dornell Wigfall among others. Only Sonny Moore, Wigfall, and Seales have been around for the final bell.

Marvin is a quiet youngster, loves music, football, and fishing. He is still single but has a special girl friend. He is a hard worker in the gym and on the job for Petronelli Construction Co.

He gives credit to Goodie Petronelli for

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PUNCH LINES

THOSE RIOTS IN NEW YORK

THERE has got to be a stop to those riots which mar the fights at the Felt Forum in New York's Garden. The riots are giving the game a bad name. A lot of boozehounds go crazy over their pints and put on scandalous scenes matched nowhere else in the world. In England, where I come from, there is an occasional disturbance in the form of hissing or booing. But never bottle throwing, seat ripping and other scandalous happenings. Britons take a more sportsmanlike attitude toward boxing than do Americans. My friends and I will not risk our lives again in the Felt Forum.

John J. Kane
Jersey City, N.J.

WANTS RELIEF FROM BIG ONES

Would you be surprised if I told you I was sick and tired of the Ali's and the George's and would like boxing to swing over to the lighter men starting with the middleweights. The lighter divisions have not been contaminated by the fantastic guarantees. The five million guarantees at Zaire ruined the game in the heavyweight class and may kill it off. Yes sir, I mean kill it off. The disease has become malignant. Look what just happened in Britain. The flyweight class has been abolished — retired with McClosky. Take heed. Play up the lighter divisions or else.

Bobo Gonaive
New Orleans, La.

INSISTS FOREMAN GOT CHEATED

I don't care what Clayton and the press at Zaire insisted about the count on Foreman, the poor guy got cheated. Was there an official in charge of the count? Why did the referee grab the count the moment George started downward? The "beaten" champion got an eight and the movie does not prove that Clayton gave him ten. Otherwise he did a good job.

Gabe Considine
New York, NY

THAT CUT EYE

You are right when you suspect that Foreman's eye cut was not suffered from a glove. As a matter of fact Foreman needed two more months of training. Maybe even that would not have helped him as he showed a tendency not to accept training conditions in the Congo. Holding so important a fight in Zaire was preposterous.

Harry L. McCorkindale
Vancouver, BC

BATTLE OF THE LEANERS

I saw the movies of the Ali-Foreman fight and if I were a real meanie I would call it a fake. However, fakes seldom go eight rounds. That's why I do not believe that Johnson faked the Willard fight. The way the Zaire match was written up in the papers you would think it was a rough and tough affair. It was a Match of the Leaners. Ali leaned against the ropes and George leaned against Ali. Give us some real fights for less money between feathers or lightweights. Let us have Chacon and Guillermo.

Joe Castleton
Chicago, Ill.

JOHNSON WAS A GREAT ONE

Why all that yammer about the late Nat Fleischer picking Jack Johnson as the greatest heavyweight of all time? Did the yammer guys ever see Jack fight? He would have made hash of Muhammad. Johnson was a truly great boxer, a great puncher, a marvel in every detail. Some of his so-called fights are in the record book as defeats because Negro fighters of his time had to go in the tank for white ones. They also had to fight each other so often they knew each other's every move. Johnson would have mauled Fitz and he would have outboxed Corbett, and beaten Jeff in the Boilermaker's prime.

Walter Roy Fitzsimmons
New York, N.Y.

ALI MEANS BOXING?

I have no dislike for Muhammad Ali. But it seems he is 100 percent of boxing and there is no other fighter in the whole world. Ali, Ali, Ali, and I am sick of it. We had world champions before this but they never monopolized the spotlight the way Muhammad does. See what you can do to tone down the Ali publicity and give other boxers a chance at the spotlight. Give Foreman some attention. I think he will surprise you and turn out to be a champion after all. I believe that Zaire and its rotten climate beat George and that if given a chance in the United States he will recover the title.

Fred Ransome
Hayward, Calif.

HOUSTON PLAN APPLAUDED

I note that there is a plan in Houston to put Foreman on in a few warmup fights leading to a shot at the title again. What interests me is the money scheme. The Houston idea is to charge $7 a seat. True, some of the fights may turn out not to be worth that. But the time has come to revise admission fees for fights and for their closed circuit screenings. The rates would be much too high for good times. For these times the promoters are daffy. The fans have got to stop the rampage.

Rod Lambert
Houston, Tex.

THE FIGHTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

The fight game has been revived in the Kezar arena here in San Francisco, and it needs encouragement. The enterprise needs help and The Ring can help give it a play. The fans need rousing and it can be done with the help of publicity. The promoter is not running with stiffs.

Wayland J. Crome
San Francisco, Calif.

ON BEHALF OF JOE BUGNER

We have had times in British boxing when Joe Bugner would have been hailed as a great British heavyweight. But there is an inclination to underrate Joe and at times even to ridicule him. True, Bugner is erratic. But by and large he gives good performances and he deserves to get the support of existing fight media. Stop ridiculing Joe. He is the best we have and we have had far worse. There are some well rated heavies whom he can beat. Tell the Garden to bring Bugner to New York with Lyle.

Norman Hueston
London, England

FROM A NOTABLE SOURCE

I apologize for not filling in and returning my form as one of the selectors of the old-timers Committee for the Hall of Fame, but the ballot only turned up here on December 20th. I wonder if it could be sent to me by airmail in the future — surface mail often takes more than a month to get here.

Whilst I am writing, may I offer a word of congratulations to you on the quality of the magazine — it's one of my favorite sources of reading. I do hope that someday you will do, and in depth, an article on Jim Jeffries. Nat and I argued the last time I met him as to who was the greater — Jeffries or Johnson. I'd never seen Jeffries in action, but quite recently I saw a picture of the Jeffries-Johnson fight, and considering all things, I was tremendously impressed with his qualities.

I'm off to England for a three month break, and I hope to see some of the better fighters in action.

We're living in troubled times, and my country, Rhodesia, is having its fair share, not that the rest of the world are faring much better, but that does not stop me from wishing you and your wife all the best of good luck for the coming year.

Roy Welensky
Salisbury, Rhodesia

UNITED STATES RING RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
*George Foreman, Hayward, Cal.
1—Joe Frazier, Philadelphia, Pa.
2—Ron Lyle, Denver, Colo.
3—Ken Norton, San Diego, Calif.
4—Jerry Quarry, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Chuck Wepner, Bayonne, N.J.
6—Henry Clark, San Francisco, Cal.
7—Rodney Bobick, Bowlus, Minn.
8—Jimmy Young, Philadelphia, Pa.
9—Larry Middleton, Baltimore, Md.
10—Pat Duncan, Carson City, Nev.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
*Len Hutchins, Detroit, Mich.
1—Alvaro Lopez, Stockton, Calif.
2—Richie Kates, Philadelphia, Pa.
3—Tom Bethea, New York, N.Y.
4—Mike Quarry, Orlando, Fla.
5—Bobby Cassidy, Brentwood, N.Y.
6—Ray Elson, New York, N.Y.
7—Hal Carroll, Syracuse, N.Y.
8—James Scott, Miami Beach, Fla.
9—Lonnie Bennett, Houston, Texas
10—John Griffin, Akron, Ohio

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Tony Licata, New Orleans, La.
1—Vito Antuofermo, Brooklyn, N.Y.
2—George Cooper, Oakland, Calif.
3—Bobby Watts, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Emile Griffith, New York, N.Y.
5—Bennie Briscoe, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Mike Rossman, Turnsville, N.J.
7—Eddie Gregory, New York, N.Y.
8—Leo Saenz, Baltimore, Md.
9—Willie Monroe, Philadelphia, Pa.
10—Willie Mack, New York, N.Y.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
*Mike Baker, Spartanburg, S.C.
1—Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City, Okla.
2—Cuby Top Cat Jackson, Detroit, Mich.
3—Harold Weston, New York, N.Y.
4—Billy Lloyd, Philadelphia, Pa.
5—Ray Seales, Tacoma, Wash.
6—Keith Averett, Akron, Ohio
7—Chris Black, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8—Ralph Rodriguez, Minneapolis, Minn.
9—Rocky DeFazio, Chicago, Ill.
10—Sammy Ruckard, Spartanburg, S.C.

WELTERWEIGHTS
*Armando Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Angel Espada, Puerto Rico
2—Hedgemon Lewis, Detroit, Mich.
3—Alfonso Hayman, Philadelphia, Pa.
4—Johnny Gant, Washington, D.C.
5—Paul Poirier, New Bedford, Mass.
6—Clyde Washington, New Orleans, La.
7—Sandy Torres, Puerto Rico
8—Billy Backus, Syracuse, N.Y.
9—Eddie Perkins, Chicago, Ill.
10—Avon Little, Washington, D.C.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
*Tony Petronelli, Taunton, Mass.
1—Esteban DeJesus, Puerto Rico
2—Monroe Brooks, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Brooks Byrd, Clovis, N.M.
4—Miguel Barreto, Puerto Rico
5—Laudial Negron, Puerto Rico
6—Hector Matta, Puerto Rico
7—Adolph Viruet, Brooklyn, N.Y.
8—Frankie Benitez, Puerto Rico
9—Dale Hernandez, Omaha, Nebr.
10—Javier Muniz, Los Angeles, Calif.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Ray Lampkin, Portland, Ore.
1—Angel Mayoral, Las Vegas, Nev.
2—Ray Lunny III, San Francisco, Calif.
3—Hector Medina, Puerto Rico
4—Randy Shields, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Mike Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
6—Tim Walker, Washington, D.C.
7—Miguel Mayan, San Diego, Calif.
8—Jimmy Heair, Los Angeles, Calif.
9—Edwin Viruet, New York, N.Y.
10—Javier Ayala, Los Angeles, Calif.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
*Tyrone Everett, Philadelphia, Pa.
1—Samuel Serrano, Puerto Rico
2—Alfredo Escalera, Puerto Rico
3—Jose Fernandez, New York, N.Y.
4—Walter Seeley, Sayville, N.Y.
5—Sammy Goss, Trenton, N.J.
6—Hilbert Stevenson, Winston-Salem, N.C.
7—Eduardo Santiago, New York, N.Y.
8—Dom Monaco, Brooklyn, N.Y.
9—Hector Diaz, Puerto Rico
10—Carlos Bercerril, Los Angeles, Calif.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
*Bobby Chacon, Los Angeles, Calif.
1—Lorenzo Trujillo, Houston, Texas
2—Ben Ortiz, Puerto Rico
3—Diego Martinez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Danny Lopez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Santos Luis Rivera, Puerto Rico
6—Ronnie McGarvey, Baltimore, Md.
7—Luis Davila, Puerto Rico
8—Budda Busceme, Beaumont, Texas
9—Manuel Lujan, Los Angeles, Calif.
10—Ernesto Vann, Albuquerque, N.M.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
*Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico
1—David Vasquez, New York, N.Y.
2—Joe Guevara, Sacramento, Calif.
3—Andres Hernandez, Puerto Rico
4—Frank Duarte, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—James Martinez, Dallas, Texas
6—Benny Rodriguez, Los Angeles, Calif.
7—Eddie Logan, Los Angeles, Calif.
8—Billy Lee Hunter, Denver, Colo.
9—Earl Large, Phoenix, Ariz.
10—Tony Rocha, San Antonio, Texas

FLYWEIGHTS
*Tony Moreno, San Antonio, Texas
1—Raul Rosetto, Los Angeles, Calif.
2—Alberto Davila, Los Angeles, Calif.
3—Alfonso Gonzalez, Los Angeles, Calif.
4—Salvatore Vasquez, Los Angeles, Calif.
5—Melvin Johnson, Clovis, N.M.
6—Bobby Holderfield, Little Rock, Ark.
7—Victor Rocha, San Antonio, Texas
8—Rocky Garcia, San Antonio, Texas
9—Erasmo Flores, Houston, Texas
10—Willie Jansen, Las Vegas, Nev.

*Champion

Q. Please give me the weights of Foreman and Ali for their Congo fight.

Harold Wusner
Dallas, Tex.

A. Foreman weighed 220 and Muhammad 216.

Q. Do you believe that when Ali made his strategic plans for Foreman he decided to wear him down and do as little as possible himself?

Henry Gewirts
Brooklyn, N.Y.

A. No. Perhaps around the fifth round but not before the fight. Remember, Foreman had stopped Frazier and Norton in two rounds each.

Q. Do you believe that we ever will see women fight in the United States?

Ms. Barbara Freud
New York, N.Y.

A. It could happen. But we doubt that even Women's Lib wants it.

Q. Is there any chance that Muhammad Ali's next fight will be in New York?

Ms. Gail Brady
New York, N.Y.

A. His next fight is currently planned for Cleveland. Then he wants a fight in New York in June.

Q. Do you believe that five million a man stuff at Zaire was on the level?

Fred Zenger
Butte, Mont.

A. Yes, it was on the level. They collected five million each.

Q. Is Teofilo Stevenson an American by birth? Is he black?

Henry Brinkman
Tampa, Fla.

A. Stevenson was not born in the U.S. He is a Black Cuban.

Q. I would like to have The Ring Detective look into Foreman's cut eye. Can do? Is there anything that smells like a story?

Harrison Dukes
Montreal, Canada

A. The Ring Detective is looking into the cut eye and may have a report if there is a story.

Q. Who won the Maxim-Robinson fight in the terrific heat at the Polo Grounds?

Dave Morgan
New York, N.Y.

A. On June 25, 1952, Maxim stopped Sugar Ray in 14 rounds. The heat hit better than 100 and Ray could take it less than Maxim. It was Ray's one effort to win the light heavy title.

Q. How did Floyd Patterson acquire the heavyweight title? Did he stop the reigning champion?

Tallman Stockley
Los Angeles, Calif.

A. Patterson got the championship by stopping Archie Moore in five rounds on November 30, 1956. The title had been left vacant by the retirement of Rocky Marciano.

Q. Why did The Ring omit Muhammad from the first ten heavyweights? Surely he belongs.

Erik Quest
Minneapolis, Minn.

A. The Ring never has omitted Ali from any all time rating. The ranking in The Ring Record Book is the personal selection of the late Nat Fleischer. A new Ring staff all-time selection has just been made.

Q. Do you believe that Foreman was beaten by the Zaire climate? Do you believe that the cut eye had anything to do with his defeat? Did the postponement hurt him?

Henrhe McFall
Fort Worth, Tex.

A. Only Foreman knows the answers. He has never fought long distances in important fights. He must learn to pace himself better.

Q. I am told that in England there was a referee who never entered the ring but did his job from the ringside and if he hollered "Break" and there was no break, somebody lost the round. Has there ever been anybody of that description?

William Borghese
Norfolk, Va.

A. Yes, there was such a man in England and his name was Eugene Corri. He refereed in a dress suit.

Q. My great great grandfather was John Morrissey, who was the heavyweight champion of his time, later a member of Congress and the builder of the race track at Saratoga. Is he in the Hall of Fame?

Harvey Morrissey
Calgary

A. John Morrissey was a great fighter and was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1954 the first year of such elections.

Q. How did Ali lose the title before he was beaten by Joe Frazier in their first fight?

Fremont Grant
San Francisco, Calif.

A. Ali announced his retirement and asked if he could transfer The Ring Belt to the winner of the Frazier-Ellis fight. The Ring did not permit this. Frazier stopped Ellis. Ali then came back and was beaten by Frazier. Ali emulated Patterson and regained the title at Zaire.

NAPOLES A CUBAN FIGHTER?

Q. I notice that Ring calls Jose Napoles a Mexican fighter. He was born in Cuba and if Castro had not come along he would have remained in Havana. I insist that Jose Napoles is a Cuban fighter.

Theofilo Maldonado
New York, N.Y.

A. Napoles was born in Cuba but he has done his fighting in Mexico and must be ranked with the Mexicans. There is a similar case in Bob Fitzsimmons. He was born in Cornwall but is called an American fighter because he did virtually all his fighting in the U.S.

CANTO BEST FLY

Q. The flyweight division is in an awful muddle. Whom does the Answer Man rate tops?

Pancho Parero
Mexico City, Mex.

A. The Ring Answer Man's personal opinion is that Canto is the best of the flyweights.

KETCHEL GREATEST MIDDLE?

Q. I believe that Stan Ketchel was the greatest middleweight in fistic history. I would like to get the opinion of the Answer Man.

Allen Smith
Butte, Mont.

A. The Answer Man rates Ketchel No. 1 among the fighters who worked among the middleweights, (excepting Stan's adventure against heavy Jack Johnson).

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

BROADWAY lost one of its most glamorous figures and one of the greatest wits we ever knew in our time in the passing of Harry Hershfield, famous cartoonist, fight buff and what have you. Harry, who was one of the top men in the famous "Can You Top This" show, succumbed after a long illness. Nary a fight in Madison Square Garden nor the Felt Forum was held without the presence of this great sportsman. He was dedicated in everything he did and was beloved by all. In our book, Harry was the greatest since the halycon days of the one and only Will Rogers.

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Reminscing back to the recent holidays, we enjoyed the card from veteran fight manager, Lou Viscusi, who piloted three great champions. The only thing that worried us was the news that Bill Gore, famous trainer, who is 85, was in a nursing home. Bill worked with most of Lou's gladiators. His champions were Willie Pep, featherweight boss, Joe Brown, lightweight king, and Bob Foster, light heavyweight title holder.

Viscusi, whose current address is Lutz, Florida, with mailing address P.O. Box 714, still has one of the most active stables around. Joe Brady, his official P.R. man, sends along news of his current warriors topped by Tony Licata, claimant of the North American middleweight title. Other middleweight prospects are Joe Pinney, Glen Morgan, Mike Morgan and Manny Gonzales. Hector McBride is his featherweight nominee and Melvin Dennis is the 147 pounder. His current light heavies are Mike McKinney, Walter White and Marlon Lewis.

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Jimmy Kelly, who has been an usher in Madison Square Garden for thirty years, has a pugilistic background. Born 57 years ago as Jimmy Kelly Cirella, on New York's East Side, Kelly came from the same neighborhood as Billy Graham, Walter 'Pop Eye' Woods, Charley Badami, Jimmy Flood, Young Otto, and Roman Alvarez, a Pete Reilly protege. They hung out at the Kip's Bay Club, a favorite of ex-heavyweight king Gene Tunney.

Kelly was breaking bread with us and Jimmy O'Connor, of the Manager's Guild—a man with a great background himself in fistiana. Jimmy started out as a featherweight and wound up as a lightweight, having about twenty skirmishes as a pro. That was in 1939 and 1940. His manager was Joe Gross, who handled Irving Eldridge and "Pop Eye" Woods. His trainer was Willie Ketchum, later well known as a promoter. Jimmy's last fight was on August, 1941, in Ebbets Field, on a Jack Fugazy show in 1941. He was then drafted into the Army.

Jimmy has done well for himself. They finally nailed him for TV commercials and its his voice you'll hear on the Stella Doro Cookies, Elmer's Glue, Tasty Cake and Brute's after shaving lotion. He is married and his wife's name is Mildred.

(Left to right sitting) Sam Taub, Harry Hershfield, Paul Berlenbach, ex-lightheavyweight champ; Tommy Loughran, ex-lightheavyweight champion; Monsignor O'Brien, St. Malachy's Church and Lou Salica, ex-two-time bantam king.

Photo taken at VBA Ring #8 get-together at Statler-Hilton Hotel.

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Joseph Davis, popular Brooklyn real estate man, has acquired quite a stable of mittwielders headed by New York heavyweight champion, Bob Stallings.

Davis is not particular about the chaps whom they pick for his men so long as they can obtain work. Besides Stallings, the Davis menage is made up of Richard Sandy and Floyd Anderson, a pair of good looking 175 pounders. Tommy Roane, who is ready for the junior welterweights, and Earl Harris, his pride and joy in the 147 pound class. And lest we forget him, don't forget the other Joe Davis light heavyweight, Al Bolden.

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Augie Pisano is well known. The Coney Island gladiator, who started as a bantamweight and wound up as a lightweight had a varied career starting when he was fourteen years old. During his sixteen years of action he figures he had approximately 318 fights. He is a resident of the City of Churches.

Pisano, now 66, and his wife Marion are both active. Pisano was managed by Paddy Roche, who managed Steve 'Kid' Sullivan, one time junior lightweight boss, and popular Johnny Solzberg, well known bantam. Incidentally, Roche was associated with the late Frank Churchill when he was managing Pancho Villa and Tod Morgan, both ex-champions, Augie Parente, Brooklyn featherweight and lightweight, as well as Mickey Oliver, a dynamtier among the welters and middleweights. Pisano, battled Al Singer, Ruby Goldstein, Eddie Cannonball Martin, ex-bantam king, Benny Bass, Philadelphia, Bruce Flowers and Mile Ballerino, ex-featherweight boss.

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Jimmy Valentine, who, like Augie Pisano, is a member of Paul Berlenbach's popular VBA Ring #21 in Brooklyn, was well known in his day when he functioned as a featherweight and lightweight. Valentine was the Navy champion in 1927 and was born in Greenpoint. He is 67 years old. He did his glove wielding from 1922 to 1935 and among those he met were Young Peter Jackson, Bobby McIntyre and Charley Young. Jimmy was managed by our late pal, Jimmy Dixon.

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We learned, with much sadness, of the passing of Sid Terris, famous galloping ghost of the East Side, in a Nursing Home down in Miami. Sid, who met the best in his time and was a brilliant performer, was a victim of Parkinson's disease.

Sid had the best pair of legs of any

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PROSPECT LOOKING FOR GOLD

By FRED EISENSTADT

THE reason why people seek power, fame and fortune is simple: Power engenders fame, and fame can bring fortune. Ring participants strive desperately to win; because winners attain fame, and that is tantamount to acquiring a fortune. Boxing can be compared to mining, to digging for gold—fists being the mining tools.

Domenico Monaco has the tools and the sparkling ring style fight followers appreciate. His method of fighting is to exhibit raw courage—to fight and fight some more. Monaco is not the type to back away, or tremble at being faced with a tough opponent. That is why the two-time amateur champ, since turning pro, has acquired a large following.

"Of course," informs trainer-manager Robert Ciocher, "the fact that Domenico keeps on winning helps. The fans know he will not disappoint them. The boy has lost but one very close decision."

Indeed, the compact young Italian becomes more devasting as the battle progresses, more aggressive, attacking the body, shifting to the head—never stops tossing punches with both fists. He seems to be possessed of limitless energy.

Son of a longshoreman, Domenico was born on May 23, 1951, as one of five brothers and four sisters. He came to this country from Italy in 1966 where he attended elementary school. Monaco had one year of high school.

"I became interested in boxing late in 1969," informs the scrapper. "At the YMCA. It's where I met Mr. Ciocher, who is a professional boxing instructor."

For about a year Robert Ciocher labored with the boy, teaching him the finer points of boxing. In 1970, he put Dom in the amateurs. Of thirty bouts he won 26, copping two titles. In 1973, Ciocher turned his protege pro. Monaco had done nearly all his fighting at the Felt Forum in New York City.

Asked if he has a sweetheart, Domenico grins and says, "Sure, and a very pretty one—her name is Candy Louro."

"You expect to marry her, of course. Can you tell when?"

"Yes, I'll tell." Dom's grin becomes broader. "When I become the world lightweight champion. And I want to add this," he says, "I owe what success in the ring I have attained to Mr. Robert Ciocher. His wise instruction and his patience have brought me along."

Mr. Ciocher, having his say about Monaco, declares: "I have a fine pupil in Domenico. A quick learner who follows instruction without question. Also, he's well-mannered and easy to handle."

Monaco's record now is 13-1-1. His latest battle was voted a draw. He and Eduardo Santiago went at each other like wildcats. The Puerto Rican was in tip top condition and put up a surprisingly good battle. Not only was Santiago anxious to beat the Italian but also to avenge the defeat of his brother Ray by Monaco. A rematch is in order between the two sparkling youngsters.

"Domenico failed to put up his usually rugged battle," said Robert Ciocher. "Either he was not himself or he underestimated Santiago's ability. Also he was unprepared for Eduardo to rush out of his corner in the opening round and lash out with thundering wallops—some of which caught Dom on the face. It took my boy a few rounds to settle down and fight back, to press forward and punch. I believe a draw decision was fair to both.

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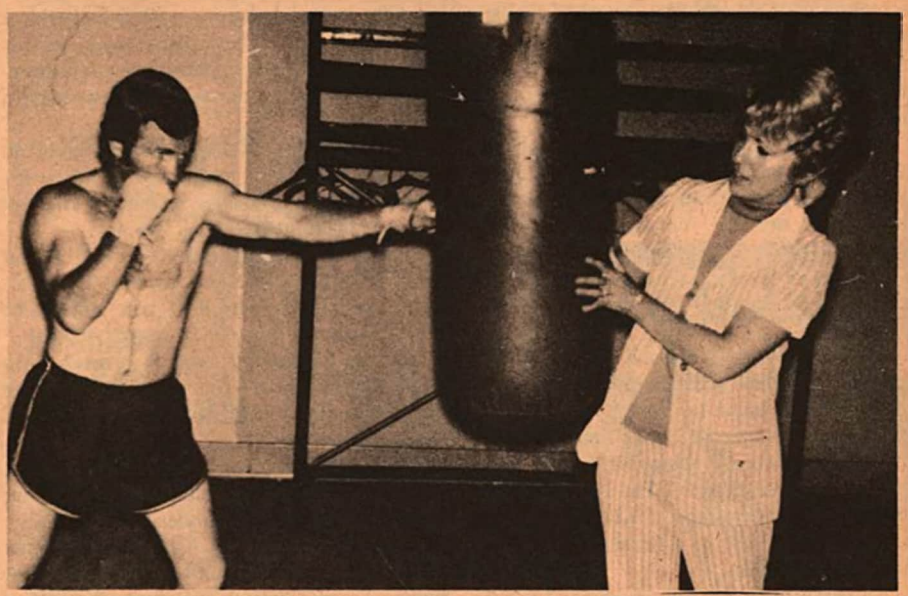
Domenico Monaco, left, readies his right in winning effort against Ray Santiago at Felt Forum. Monaco went to a draw in later fight with Santiago's brother, Eduardo.

Mary Skarda, Minnesota's entry into the ranks of women managers, speech making, and at left, seen taking it easy after a hard day at the gym with her fighters.

MARY SKARDA, FIGHT MANAGER

By GEORGE D. BLAIR



Skarda holding the heavy bag for one of her fighters, Chuck Mitch.

WOMEN have been crashing what has been considered the man's world at a rapid rate recently and boxing has been no exception. Those who enter the sport seem to know what they are doing and contribute to boxing as well as adding some beauty to the gyms and arenas.

Mary Skarda of West St. Paul, Minnesota, a 26-year-old blonde housewife, recently became a fight manager as she signed two of St. Paul's bright young prospects to contracts. Mrs. Skarda's background in boxing didn't start with her becoming a manager as she has been in almost all phases of the sport except training and fighting.

Chuck "Cupcake" Mitch and George Anderson, both junior welterweights and undefeated, signed contracts with Mary Skarda in the gym just prior to a workout. Trainer Del Bravo, Phil Skarda, Mary's husband, and the press looked on as Mitch and Anderson inked the pacts.

If Skarda needed a recommendation to enter boxing she has one, as her great uncle was that heavyweight from St. Paul, Billy Miske. Miske's wife, Mary Miske Peterson, has told Mary the tragic story of Billy Miske's life and death. Hollywood would like to make the story of Billy Miske, but according to Mary, Billy's former wife would rather that they let Billy Miske rest in peace.

Mary's husband, Phil "Skip" Skarda, was an amateur boxer and the St. Paul Golden Glove champion a few years back. Mary has a couple of second cousins who were also professional fighters, Billy Miske Jr. and Dick Zasada, both St. Paul heavyweights. Her husband Phil is now the professional and amateur promoter in West St. Paul, Minnesota.

When her husband puts on boxing cards Mary Skarda is in the thick of the promotion. She handles almost all phases except the matchmaking.

Mrs. Skarda has three children, Shelly 7, Randy 6, and Vicki 3, to take care of, along with helping her husband run his plumbing business, a 10-room house to keep, plus managing a couple of boxers. This doesn't leave Mary much time to rest.

Mary took a shot at being a promoter herself back in March. 1974 as she made a bid

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FIVE NEW MEMBERS IN THE RING HALL OF FAME

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fouls. 34 of his fights were of the "no decision" variety so common in his day.

He first had a claim to the middleweight title in 1912 when he defeated Georges Carpentier on a foul in France over 19 rounds but he was universally recognized in 1913 when he defeated Billy Papke in Paris, this victory also on a foul in 15 cantos.

The only fighter to knock out Klaus took his title away from him the same year he won it. That man was George Chip, the place was Pittsburgh, and Frank lost his crown in 6 rounds. Two months later Chip gave him a chance to regain his title and iced Klaus for the only other kayo in his career, this one in 5 rounds.

He will be remembered for his epic wars with Stanley Ketchel, Frank Mantell, Jack Dillon and Harry Greb.

In his 1910 fight with Ketchel, a no decision affair over 6 rounds, those at ringside all agreed that if Klaus had not been so cautious in the opening sessions of the fight he would undoubtedly have knocked Stanley out on that night. No one who has covered boxing could fail to feel the ferocity and pride in this man as they followed him on his road to the middleweight crown.

In his fight with Mantell he came into the ring out of condition and shortly was receiving a good pasting. In desperation, and in the "never say die" creed, he unlimbered his right cross and down went Mantell. Klaus was so weary that he could hardly lift his gloves but the bell rang and Mantell was saved.

The rounds slipped by and Klaus was getting sicker every minute. Finally, with the 9th round, he knew he had to do it now or drop himself. Gathering all of his strength he threw his right from center field and caught Mantell flush on the jaw. The fight was over and the resolute courage of Klaus had pulled him through what to a lesser man would have spelled defeat.

Those close to the man maintained that he had a dry and often pixie like wit. From his retirement in the hotel business up to the time of his death in 1948 he dabbled in some real estate and would help out now and then as a masseur in the Braddock, Pa., bathouse. Complainants to his rough manipulations would receive a brief comment: "Do you want me to tickle you and make you laugh or give you a massage?"

Frank was a family man. His idea of a good life was health, and fun with his wife and children. He had a zest for life and was quoted at the time of his death by a daughter as saying that he wanted to live to 100. He made it to age 61.

When he passed on he left three married daughters, two sons, one married, and seven grandchildren.

He was managed by George Engel, who knew boxing inside out. One day during World War I Engel made some offhand remark about the war and Klaus tossed back: "Somebody's liable to get hurt over there in Europe if they aren't careful."

Frank joins the Oldtimer's group of the Hall of Fame.

George Henry Chaney, known to boxing buffs as George KO Chaney, has made a belated entrance into the Oldtimer's group of The Ring Hall of Fame. The southpaw with a murderous left hook and right to match was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1893 of Irish parents.

Chaney grew to a mere 5'1½", and although he fought in three weight classes, bantamweight, featherweight, and lightweight, he rarely toed the toledoes at more than a scant 122 pounds.

He died on December 20, 1958, in Baltimore, leaving a wife and daughter, and a host of fistic admirers to remember his pugilistic deeds. George is listed in The Ring Record Book among the top ten knockout punchers of all time.

The Baltimore terror was sensational. He could take a beating around the body but had a porcelain jawbone that he protected with his right and waded in — with a hell-with-it attitude. He only knew one way to do his job: to take as much punishment as necessary but to dish out more than he would take.

He was managed almost to the top of all three divisions in which he competed by his managers Harry Bletzer and Sam Harris. But he never made it to a title.

He started his career in 1910 and a year later, at only 18, he knocked out Kid Williams, a fighter who had true claims to greatness on his own, in 20 rounds.

During his career, which stretched to 1925, he fought 181 fights and knocked out 86 opponents to win his place among the all-time kayo kings.

He fought the best that were around. Young Britt, Charley Goldman, Al Delmont, Abe Attell, Johnny Dundee, Patsy Haley, Johnny Kilbane, Rocky Kansas, Lew Tendler, Joe Tiplitz, to mention but a few. The names he met stretch on like a parade of stars.

As Chaney went down the home stretch he gathered a cauliflower ear, beaten down brows, a mouth whose lips no longer met in an even curve, a battle-scarred countenance. His hands were gnarled.

George was a fighter's fighter, nothing delicate, but gifted with power to burn. The late Charley Goldman, who had over 400 fights himself before he turned to training and ended up as the trainer of Rocky Marciano said of Chaney: "Chaney, pound for pound, was the number one puncher in history."

His analysis took into consideration his charge at the time, Marciano.

"When I boxed Chaney, I learned quickly that you couldn't protect your chin against him in the normal manner," stated Goldman. "Because the impact of his punches against your gloves could floor you. I decided to keep ducking and take most of his blows on my head. Well, he beat me over 15 rounds although I decked him nine times. At the finish I wasn't marked, but for weeks I couldn't wear a hat — that's how many bumps I had on my head."

George, toward the end of his career, was always about to retire. But he never did until his last attempt against Danny Kramer, whom he had defeated previously, but who was on the way up and finished off the lion-hearted Chaney in one merciful round in Philadelphia. The year was 1925 and the years had caught up with the dimunitive warrior.

He ended up later on in a State Institution. He died at age 66 in his beloved Baltimore after a long illness but his memory will never die.

Dick Tiger, born Dick Ihetu, on August 14, 1929, at Amaigbo, Oriu, Nigeria, has been elected to The Hall of Fame three years after his death at age 42. He passed away from cancer of the liver in Nigeria where it had all started for him as one of four children of a chicken farmer.

At 23 years of age Dick turned to professionalism after a brief amateur career. He had learned to box from British officers stationed in Nigeria and had chosen it as his trade.

I consider myself lucky to have been a friend of Tiger. He was a quiet, soft spoken man who tongued English with an Oxford accent, who dressed conservatively and hoarded his money to send it home for investing and to take care of his wife, nine children and relatives, who as he put it — "Haven't been as lucky as me."

Between 1952 and 1955 Tiger rose to become the middleweight champion of Nigeria and then he went to England where he lost his first four fights. This didn't deter Dick, and he began to win and continued winning until in 1958 he won the British Empire middleweight title.

Dick came to the U.S. and in 1962 he won the world middleweight title from Gene Fullmer, the same Fullmer who is voted into the Hall with Dick. He went on to defeat Gene twice more but was upset by Joey Giardello in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in 1963. He rewon his middleweight crown from Giardello at New York in 1965.

The following year was good and bad for Tiger. Bad, he lost his middleweight title to Emile Griffith over 15 rounds in Madison Square Garden. Good, as the year came to a close, he decided to take a shot at the world light heavyweight title held by Jose Torres. Dick won the championship by a 15 round decision, using a solid left hook, the badge of his power, and an aggressive weaving two-fisted attack that was too heavy for Jose to contain.

By May of 1968, Tiger, after two successful defenses of his title, a defeat of Torres in a return match and a knockout over Roger

Rouse, was over the hill as a fighter. Bob Foster, one of the best light heavyweights to come down the pike, bombed the Tiger to a knockout defeat in four rounds.

Dick had four more fights: a 10-round win over Frank De Paula; a 10-round decision over the Italian, Nino Benvenuti; a 10-round defeat of Andy Kendall. Now it was 1970 and in his last appearance he was defeated by Emile Griffith in New York over the 10-round route.

In 1971 Dick retired, although he still haunted the offices of Madison Square Garden seeking a fight befitting an ex-champion. He never got one.

With the Biafran war, he was commissioned as a Captain in the Biafran army in the public relations corps. His property and money were lost to him for the duration of the conflict and Dick took a job in New York as a security guard for the Museum of Natural History where he remained until his return, sick, to his native Nigeria.

Dick left behind in the record book a total of 81 fights of which he won 61, drew in 3 contests, lost 16 decisions and was knocked out only once, that by Foster.

Dick was awarded the Edward J. Neil award for the man who has done the most for boxing during the preceding year twice, in 1962 and again in 1966.

All of which brings us to the other new face in the Moderns of the Hall of Fame. The name is Gene Fullmer, the Gene because his parents named him after Gene Tunney. It all began on July 21, 1931, in West Jordan, Utah, the time and place of the new Hall of Famer's birth.

Gene was only six when he had his first pair of gloves and he was only 8 when he started to watch the amateurs train. He was only 12 when he entered AAU competition although the rules called for his being 16.

In high school, Gene was a three letter man and went into amateur boxing in a serious way, winning four Utah Golden Gloves titles, competing in AAU events and the Olympic trials in 1948.

Gene, managed by Marv Jensen, as a pro, began his punch for pay career in 1951. By 1954, some 24 victories later, Gene was brought to Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway Arena by the then matchmaker, Teddy Brenner, current Madison Square Garden promoter.

Teddy was shocked at the awkwardness of the Mormon lad but was impressed at his ability to win. His first loss was to Gil Turner, but he fought Gil back two months later and reversed the loss. Wins and losses and finally his January 2, 1957 bout with Ray Robinson and Gene was the middleweight champion of the world via a 15 round decision over the "Sugar Man." He lost his title three fights later when Robinson put him away in 5 rounds.

By 1959, Gene, eight years down the road from his first fight, met Carmen Basilio in San Francisco for the vacant N.B.A. middleweight title, and won by a KO in 14 rounds. Gene retained this title until he lost it to Dick Tiger on October 23, 1962. In 1963 Gene had his last two fights in his attempt to rewin his crown, both with Tiger. He drew in the first over 15 rounds and was belted out in 7 to end his professional career. He announced his retirement on July 23, 1964.

Gene's brothers, Don and Jay, both turned to boxing and West Jordan is oft called Fullmerville in honor of the ex champion.

Despite his rough, tough style in the ring, Gene is a mild mannered, serious, and pious gentleman who is an elder in the Mormon church. He is married and has a daughter, Kaye, and a son, Gene Jr. Gene is almost too good to be true. He doesn't smoke, drink alcohol or coffee, and is the original "Mr. Clean."

Gene served a two year hitch in the army, from 1952 to 1954, and was in Korea for more than 12 months. He continued his job as a welder in the Kennecott Copper Company during his boxing days and then with the help of his manager, Marv Jensen, turned to mink ranching.

His greatest thrill: "The night I beat Ray Robinson for the middleweight championship in Madison Square Garden."

In 1961 Fullmer received the Boxing Writers' Edward J. Neil award.

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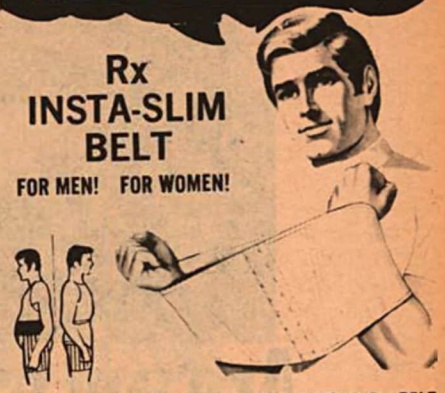

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ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By *SCOOP GALLELLO* IVBA PRES.

IVBA Ring #26 of Schenectady, N.Y. held a spectacular dinner-dance. What made the event a spectacular one was the fact that three world champions, who came in from 3 different parts of the country, were the honorees. Tony Zale from Chicago; Lou Ambers from Phoenix, Arizona and Sammy Angott from Ohio.

Not only were these three former greats champions, but also legendary boxing Hall of Fame recipients. Your reporter proceeded to get all three on tape for posterity. They answered such questions as "Who was the greatest in each division? Their toughest fight? Best boxer they faced?"

Honored along with these 3 were Tony De Carlo, Tommy Romano, Serafino Tiscione, Benny Palmer, Dom Deciantis, Carmine Fatta. Chairman Tony Messina and Ring 26 Prexy Joe "Pep" Cassillo were the gents most responsible for the success of this wonderful Ring dinner.

▲VBA Ring #21 of Brooklyn, led by former world's light heavy champ Paul Berlenbach, held 14th annual banquet. Honorees were Young Zulu Kid, Bill "Moose" Miller, Sammy Cara, Petey Della, Stan Kasza, Charlie Krikorian, and Charlie Frisco. Guests included Al Reid, Prexy Ring #8 of N.Y.; Adrian Bailey, founder and Prexy N.J. Boxing Hall of Fame; Harry Warren, former pugilist from Great Britain; Solly Seeman, former Pacific Coast junior lightweight king; Charlie Spina, Prexy Ring #14 of N.J.; Al Sparks, Pres. Ring #30 of Westchester County; Sam Taub, king of the boxing announcers, and Ring Magazine correspondent; Paul Berlenbach, former king of the light heavies; Petey Scalzo, former feather champ; Phil Terranova, also another former featherweight champion; Sammy Markowitz, former good fighter and chairman of the board of Ring #21; Sammy Venti- tough ringster of yesteryear and banquet chairman and your reporter.

In attendance were Artie Levine, tough middleweight who once had Ray Robinson on "the deck"; Bobby Brandt, Sec'y Ring #30; Steve Belloise, former hard punching middleweight; Jack Lotz, 2nd V.P. Ring #30 and referee; Georgie Rugg, Jo Handley, Prexy of the Ladies Auxly of the IVBA; Rose La Gamme, Rec. Sec'y Ladies Aux. IVBA; Charlie Wallace, Jack Arametis, Paul Cortlyn, Jimmy Krug, Mickey Esposito, Jimmy O'Connor, Treas. IVBA; Carmine Fatta, Frankie Ryff, Phil Rutha, Al Miller, Steve Riggio and loads of other fistic greats.

▲Ring #8 of N.Y. has joined the International Veteran Boxers Association by a landslide vote. Former fistic contender Al Reid is the Prexy of this fine ring group which boasts as members fellows like Ben Jeby, former middleweight king; Charlie Phil Rosenberg, former bantam king; Steve Belloise, former hard socking middleweight contender; Solly Seeman, former Pacific Coast lightweight champ; Phil Terranova, former feather champ; Jack Dempsey, former heavyweight great; Artie Levine, former middleweight contender; Johnny Pena, great little bantam of yesteryear; Izzy Grove, Ruby Goldstein, Corporal Izzy Schwartz, former flyweight king; Izzy Janazzo, Chester Rico, Lenny Del Genio and many other former fistic greats.

▲Ring #104 recently held annual banquet at Becches Restaurant in Rome, N.Y. Honored were former welter king Billy Backus; Al Parry, Tim Seaton, Johnny Bullet, Eddie Dempsey, Larry Manca, Lindy Tagliaferri, Bert Eramo, Phil Spartano and Carmen Basilio. Ring #104 Prexy Tony Storace and Jimmy Sanzone were instrumental in putting it all together.

▲Ring #103 of South River, N.J. & Somerset County announce May 3 as date for first annual dinner-dance. To be held at the V.F.W. Hall on Reid Street; being honored are former welter contender, Charlie Fusari, former heavyweight brawler Tony Galento; former middleweight star Artie Levine; former tough ringster Joe O'Gatti and your reporter. Festivities begin with a cocktail hour scheduled for 6 P.M. Tickets sell for $12.50 per person and can be obtained by writing to Ring #103 Prexy Andy Daddio, 41 Rubin St., South River, N.J.

▲Ring #104, Rome, N.Y. announces the date of October 11 for 1975 banquet.

▲Mickey Esposito, Sec of Ring #14 of N.J., as well as the 2nd V.P. of the IVBA walked away with the Freddie Fiducia award at the recent IVBA Convention in Baltimore, Md. Mickey is also a multi-decorated war hero of World War II.

▲Ring #14 of N.J. announces its 1975 banquet for May 18. This group will also host the 1975 IVBA Convention scheduled for the Mt. Airy Lodge, in the Pocono Mts.

Irv Silverman, Sec'y IVBA, Charles Gellman, Director of Jewish Memorial Hospital and Charlie Phil Rosenberg are all confined at Jewish Memorial Hospital.

▲June 7th is date for 10th annual dinner-dance for IVBA Ring 30 of Westchester County. Inducted into the Westchester County Boxing Hall of Fame will be former fistic contender Tony Ferrara of Mt. Vernon. Club honoree is Frankie Dempsey, who helped train Ferrara in his heyday. The Ferrara award will be a posthumous one. Tony was killed in World War II.

▲Juste Fontaine, welterweight out of Milwaukee, Wisc. passed away from the scourge of humanity — cancer. Fontained boxed from 1943-1950, winning over fellows like Maxie Shapiro, Bobby Ruffin, Ruby Kessler, Joey Peralta and many other good ringmen of that era. Out of 79 pro fights, he lost 23, most of these losses coming at the hands of class fighters, such as Chester Rico who defeated him twice; Charley Cabey Lewis, also a two-time winner over Fontaine; Ike Williams, former lightweight king; and Terry Young. He was 50 years old.

▲Sammy Wenig, former manager of boxers is ill with phlebitis at St. Johns Hospital in N.Y.

▲A new group of former leather slingers has joined the fast growing ranks of the International Veteran Boxers Assoc. President Samuel Waters has many former good pugilists in this group, who have been chartered as #105 of Harrisburg, Pa.

▲Joseph Easton, childhood friend of former fistic great Mickey Walker recently celebrated his 72nd birthday. Easton, who resides in Elizabeth, N.J. recalls his Catholic school days with Walker, who Joe says was a rough boy even then. As tough as he was even as a youth, Easton says Mickey was always a gentleman and never provoked a fist fight.

▲When a new group is chosen for the New Jersey State Athletic Commission staff, the name of Willie La Morte should be considered. La Morte, who was a former flyweight champion, knows the boxing game thoroughly, and would be a definite asset to that body. Willie is the Prexy of Ring #25 of Newark, N.J.

▲Chico Vejar, former welter and middleweight contender, is still sports co-ordinator for Cerebral Palsy of Westchester County. He helps raise countless dollars every year with a variety of sports programs.

OTERO FINDS FERNANDEZ TOO GOOD AT MIAMI BEACH

By *HANK KAPLAN*

Miami Beach, Florida — In the ten round fight at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Frankie Otero, 136, Hialeah, former No. 1 junior lightweight, dropped a unanimous decision to Vilomar Fernandez, 135, New York.

In lowering his career record to 45-7-1, Otero drew one of the season's largest crowds, 2,000 fans. Fernandez, now 15-4-1, opened up fast and maintained the same pace until midway in the fight when Frankie appeared to be coming on.

Otero showed unusual endurance, both in taking the best that Fernandez offered and punching stamina. Both fighters fought all the way, never slowing down, but Fernandez outgunned the Miami favorite in most rounds.

Out of action for eight months prior to this engagement, Otero felt he would have done better if he had been exposed to a couple of warm-up opponents first.

In a ten round semi-final, Marcel Clay, 164, Opa-Locka, showed the results of inactivity as staleness in the middle rounds became a conspicuous factor in losing a split-decision to Gene Wells, 162, Houston, not to be confused

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with the Gene Wells of Louisville, another frequent operative in local rings.

For the first three rounds, Clay looked like an easy winner but Wells came up with a left hook which landed repeatedly until the end and for which Clay was unable to defend himself.

In an eight rounder, John L. Johnson, 203, Tampa, was floored twice in the first round by Orestes T. Davies, 198, Fort Lauderdale, but weathered the storm and steadied himself for the balance of the round.

Davies came out for the second round with the same tactics but Johnson boxed carefully, once more on the verge of trouble. Davies changed his stance to southpaw frequently in the first two rounds with effect. From the fourth round on, Johnson used his experience to outlast the tiring Davies to capture the decision.

In a scheduled sixer, Juan Hidalgo, 134, Santo Domingo, D.R., fighting his second pro bout, knocked out the durable Henry Thomas, 140, Miami, in round four. The kid brother of Dario Hidalgo is undefeated as a pro following a brilliant amateur career locally.

The South Florida boxing community was saddened by the loss of the once proud "Ghost of the Ghetto," Sid Terris of New York. The former lightweight contender thrilled New York's East Side fans during the twenties and was one of the more popular of Miami's boxing citizenry before he died at the Mount Sinai Medical Center at Miami Beach. . .The City of Miami amateur boxing team lost their team effort against a Canadian Olympic Development Team touring portions of the U.S. to gain experience. In the main event of the tourney, Ritchie Lee Roberts of Miami, a semi-finalist in last year's National Golden Glove tournament, dropped a controversial decision to David Lus. Both weighed 139. In another important match, Milton Bankston, 147, Miami, dropped a decision to Randy Jackson, 147.

In the meantime, Miami is readying for an invasion of about 300 amateur boxers to enter the regional Golden Gloves at the Flagler Kennel Club which has an air-conditioned arena set up for 3,500 seating capacity. This is expected to be the largest boxing tourney ever held in Florida. . .Elisha Obed, ranked junior middleweight from Nassau, Bahamas, won another one with a decision over Sammy Rockard of Spartansburg, S.C. in a Nassau battle. . .Syd Peskin, VBA, Ring 34 President, from Atlantic City, arrived to pave the way for a possible showing of Mike Rossman, rising New Jersey middleweight, in the Miami area.

President of the New Jersey Hall of Fame, Adrian Bailey, is in town meeting with former New Jersey battlers now retired to South Florida. . .Jack Portney, recently inducted into the Baltimore Boxing Hall of Fame, still walks the beach for several miles and takes daily workouts at the nearby spa to stay in shape. . .Managed by Jimmy Kelly, once known as "Mayor of Chinatown" in New York, was Young Glowery, East Side featherweight, who campaigned from 1908 through 1923, and still entertaining Miamians with his phantom footwork. . .Angelo Dundee continued to care for Jose Napoles as he aided the champ in defending against Horacio Saldano at Mexico City.

▲Nassau junior middleweight, Elisha Obed, won his 54th fight against one draw as he took a unanimous decision from Renato Garcia of Chile in a ten rounder at Tucson, Arizona. . .Murray Gaby, head of the Mendoza Group, has a standing challenge out to Mike Quarry for his light heavyweight James Scott, one of the standouts of his stable. . .Angelo Dundee, trainer of Muhammad Ali, learned upon his return from Zaire, that he not only brought a king back but also found a queen awaiting him at the airport, his daughter Terri, who was elected homecoming queen at North Miami High School.

Vinnie Curto, 154½, Boston, fighting at the lowest weight of his career, boxed brilliantly as he outpunched the persistent Jesse (Chuchu) Garcia, 157½, of Renosa, Mexico. The decision in Curto's favor was lopsided, getting a 50-42 vote from one of the judges but the plaudits went to Garcia for a rare demonstration of courage.

Curto wrecked the reported claim that Garcia had never been on the deck as he dumped his opponent to the ring floor in round five with a short right. Garcia, the lion-hearted, jumped up immediately, but referee Cy Gottfried made him take the mandatory eight count. In round three, a super round of fighting, Garcia threw caution to the wind and flailed away with both hands but took some punishing blows in return from sharp-shooting Curo.

It seemed as though Curto never lost a round but Garcia made the fight interesting with his pressing tactics and brave stand at the line of battle. Angelo Dundee handled the corner chores for the Bostonian who now sports a 18-1-0 record, with a loss only to WBC middleweight champion, Rodrigo Valdez.

In a scheduled eight rounder, Vernon McIntosh, 176, Savannah, returning to local rings after a lengthy absence, slashed through the defense of Guillermo Escalera, 172, San Juan, in round two and draped him over the ropes for the ten count. Vernon worked on the body of Escalera with hard left hooks, then in the second round caught him with a vicious left hook to the chin. As Escalera was slumping he was caught with a flurry of other blows adding to the injury. The referee counted him out as his head was supported by the ring ropes. McIntosh was very impressive with renewed punching power.

In a six rounder, Eladio Leal, (The Cuban Kid), 129½, Hialeah, outscored Henry Thomas, 136, Miami, to win a popular decision. Leal did most of his damage with flurries to the body but the persistent Thomas was in the battle all the way.

Making his professional debut, George Harris, 139, Miami, fought Rocky Pope, 142, Miami, to a draw verdict in an entertaining opener during four rounds. About 1,500 fans watched the stormy evening show at the Miami Beach Auditorium which was promoted by Chris Dundee.

▲Fighting the tenth professional contest of his career, James Scott, 176, Newark, never lost a round in the ten round feature against Raul Royola, 175, Argentina. It was the easiest main event of his career and outside the initial round, a one-sided victory.

In the first round, Loyola showed why he was so highly touted prior to arrival here but the best he could get on all three cards for that round was a draw. From then on Scott completely outboxed and outpunched his world ranked rival. Scott boosted his record to 9-0-1 as he gained the unanimous decision over the Argentine who had beaten Eddie Red Owens, Al Bolden and fought a draw with Jorge Ahumada.

In a supporting ten rounder, Bobby Lloyd, 177½, Fort Lauderdale, took a points win over Orestes Davies, 198, Fort Lauderdale, in an entertaining bout. Though 20 pounds lighter than his hometown foe, Lloyd had the edge in experience. Davies showed vast improvement and strong will to fight. He was the heavier puncher and made the fight exciting throughout. Davies has never failed to please the fans at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

In a scheduled six rounder, Eladio Leal (The Cuban Kid) 126½, Hialeah, hit Joe Hamal, 121½, Fort Lauderdale, with a powerful right to deck his opponent in the opening round. Hamal never recovered from the blow forcing the referee to halt the contest in round one.

In a good four round contest, Roberto Diaz, 142½, Miami, outboxed veteran Jerry Powers, 137, Miami. Powers was very much in the fight all the way as he connected with roundhouse rights and lefts in the first two rounds, then tiring toward the finale.

▲Chris Dundee promoted the show, his first in five weeks, with about 1,500 fans in attendance at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

Continuing at an accelerated pace, promoter Chris Dundee put on an excellent card at the Miami Beach Auditorium consisting of two ten-round features, one with a surprise ending in the way of an upset.

In the main ten rounder, which ended short of the route, Lee Royster, 177, Fort Lauderdale, managed to overcome several trouble spots and stopped Vernon McIntosh, 175, Savannah, in round six of a contest which surprised most fans. Vernon had looked so spectacular in his last outing he was made an immediate favorite for this match. Royster seemed to hit McIntosh at will while Vernon had little inclination to defend himself and concentrated on power punching from the start.

Vernon's left hook to the body put Royster on the deck in the second round and connected well to the head but the resourceful Royster put himself together and managed to survive the round. From the third stanza on Royster took command and during the first minute of round 6 Angelo Dundee, in Vernon's corner, advised the referee to halt the contest.

In the co-feature ten rounder, Mike Koranicki, 189, Youngstown, Ohio, boosted his record to 10-1-0 as he took a unanimous decision over John L. Johnson, 202, Tampa.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending February 15, 1975

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Bunny Johnson kayoed Danny McAlinden, 9, British heavyweight title.
Randy Neuman halted Carl Baker, 10.
Eddie Brooks outpointed Art Robinson, 10.
Wendell Bailey beat Johnny Berry, 6.
Lou Rogan stopped Al Migliorate, 2.
Smokey Middleton kayoed Bobby Haye, 1.
Scott LaDoux outpointed C.J. Brown, 6.
Eddie Neilson beat Obie English.
Conrad Tooker draw with Leroy Diggs, 6.
Mike Hardy halted Ron Luchetta, 1.
John L. Johnson beat Q.T. Davies, 8, Davies kayoed Johnson, 4.
Leroy Diggs kayoed Walt Whittingdon, 1.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Richie Kates beat Robert Lloyd, 10.
Avenamar Peralta stopped Kilani Rondhani, 5, Ray Anderson, 8.
Bob Stewart decisioned Carlos Tijerina, 10.
Vandell Woods kayoed Aldo Carelli, 4.
Mike Quarry defeated Jose Roman, 10.
Lonnie Bennett beat Eddie Duncan, 12.
Don Wigfall won from Tracy Morrison, 8.
Ned Hallacy defeated Robert Williams, 10.
Chuck Warfield halted Al Bell, 5.
Nate Gates outpointed Marlin Lewis, 6.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Vito Antuofermo outpointed Ramon Mendez, 10.
Bennie Briscoe kayoed Len Harden, 10.
Mike Rossman beat Matt Donovan, 10.
Gene Wells (Mobile) won from Marcel Clay, 10.
Christy Elliott halted Ali Perez, 6.
Paul Poirier beat John L. Sullivan, 9.
Chris Pina kayoed by Jesse Bender, 2.
Jean Mateo stopped Lorenzo Nardillo, 1.
Leo Saenz defeated Bruce Cantrell, 10.
Willie Chaney kayoed Jim Mackin, 2.
Jackie Pough beat Larry Gillio, 6.
Tim Kirk halted Jimmie Anderson, 1.
Ernie Singletary kayoed Eddie Motton, 1.

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Koichi Wajima beat Oscar Alvarado, 15, regained World Junior Middleweight Title.
Jose Duran defeated Franz Csandl, 15, E.B.U. junior middleweight title.
Johnny Rico outpointed Mike Avans, 10.
Ike Shipman won from Jesus Burilla, 6.
Fermin Guzman beat Candy Rosa, 12.
Elisha Obed kayoed Fernand Marcotte, 11.
Chu Chu Garcia drew with Julio Gomez, 10.
Eddie Axelrod beat Ricky Pope, 4.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Clyde Washington kayoed Manuel Torres, 8.
Larry Bonds beat Ezra Davis, 10.
Victor Perez stopped Sammy Barra, 8, beat Eddie Davis, 8.
Tim Adams halted Lennie Johnson, 2.
Willie Capuano kayoed Jose Correa, 1.
Ward Jones halted Mike Tate, 3.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Carlos Gil beat Rolando Martinez, 12.
Andy Price halted Centavito Hernandez, 7.
Jose Peterson kayoed Charley Fullard, 7.
Tim Walker stopped Larry Moore, 2.
Ronnie Green kayoed Johnny Howard, 4.
Joe Grier outpointed Justice Ortiz, 6.
John L. Sullivan stopped Richard Novick, 1.
Art Rosa drew with Felix Perez, 4.
Donny Nelson beat Roberto Medina, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Jesus Alonso kayoed Hugo Gutierrez, 4.
Jose Luis Lopez stopped Octavio Gomez, 4.
Randy Shields halted Carlos Barajas, 5.
Juan Hidalgo kayoed Henry Thomas, 4.
Memo Cruz stopped Enrique Maxwell, 3.
Termite Wadkins halted Ray Sears, 6.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Tyrone Everett beat Bert Nabalatan, 10.
Vilomar Fernandez outpointed Frankie Otero, 10.
Jose Fernandez beat Ezequiel Sanchez, 12.
Tomas Frias kayoed Chamaco Casanova, 2.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Eder Jofre beat Filberto Herrera, 10.
Octavio Gomez kayoed Danny Lopez
Livio Nolasco stopped Leo Cruz, 9.
Warren Matthews halted Juan Barra, 2.
Carlos Becceril kayoed Richie Alvarado, 5.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Johnny Mesa halted Arturo Silvera, 2, lost Bobby Lee Hunter, twice, 6 & 8.
Soo Hwan Hong beat Fernando Cabanela, 15, World Bantamweight Title.
Arturo Leon beat Bert Cabang, 2, dis.
Memo Ortiz kayoed Negro Perez, 2.
Heleno Ferreire halted John McCluskey, 8.

FLYWEIGHTS

Miguel Canto defeated Shoji Oguma, 15, to win vacant World Flyweight Title.

By JOE KOIZUMI

WAJIMA REGAINS JR. MIDDLE TITLE

TOKYO, JAPAN—Koichi Wajima, 153, Japan, left in photo, won a 15-round unanimous decision over Oscar Alvarado, 154, Uvalde, Texas, to recapture the world junior middleweight title.

Wajima started out fast and was in control of the contest over the first six rounds. After this point both men were fighting toe to toe. There were no knockdowns as the crowd of some 9,000 at Nippon University Auditorium were on their feet from start to finish.

The scoring of the bout follows: American referee Dick Young 69-67; U.S. judge Joe Olmes 70-69 and Japanese judge Takeaki Kanaya 74-68, all for Wajima.

This marks Alvarado's second defense of the crown he won from Wajima last June, when he scored a 15-round kayo. His other being a seven-round knockout over Ryu Sorimachi last October.

Oscar stated after the fight, "I thought I won the fight, it was close and I fought well, but it wasn't my best. I have no excuses for losing."

Wajima speaking after the bout said: "I fooled him, bluffed by holding back my punches and then striking swiftly at the least expected moment in the least expected place."

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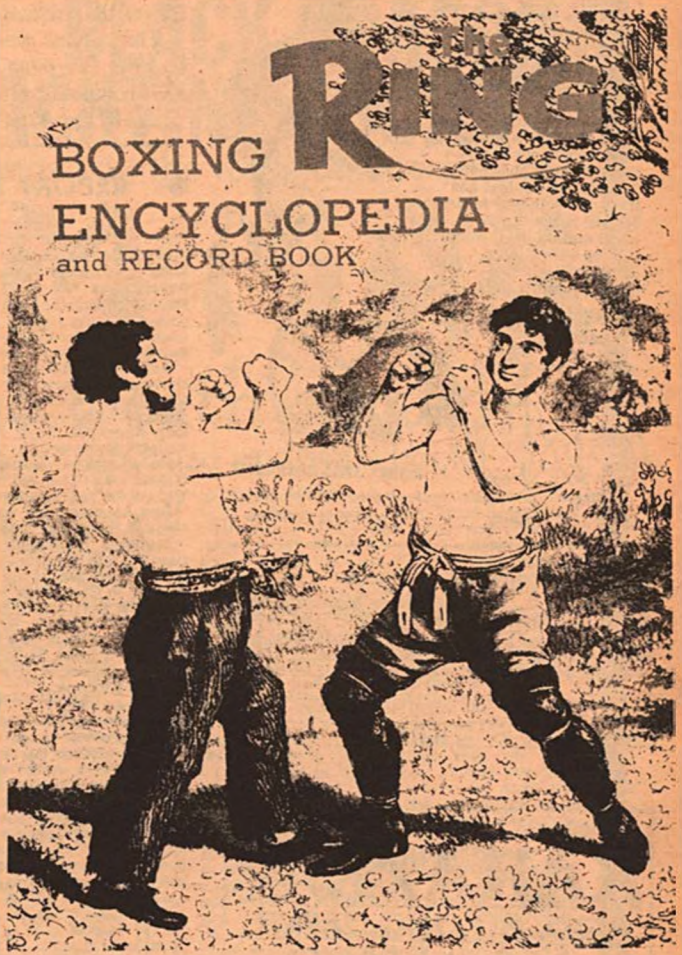

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PROSPECTS LOOKING FOR GOLD

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"Oh, the woman judge, Carol Polis, she was way out of line, her card was ridiculous. Referee Georgie Coyle and judge Harold Lederman voted properly—five to each boxer."

THE RING NAMES CANTO AS WORLD FLY CHAMP

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to take the seventh round. Canto, Mexican titlist standing 3 inches shorter than the defending champ, showed busy mobility and sharp punching.

Round nine was dominated by the foreigner. They battled evenly in the tenth to the twelfth rounds. Canto's best was seen in Round 13. He toppled the Japanese with a stiff right to the button. Retreating and sidestepping up to then, Canto became aggressive enough to win the round.

The 15th and final session was hard-fought so as to make the crowd rise to its feet. The flyweights exchanged all they had toe-to-toe for a full three minutes.

The contest was clean, speedy and hot, Miguel Canto, new WBC titlist, tipped the beam at 111 pounds, while the Japanese was 111¾. It was veteran Canto's 42nd win (21 KO included) against 3 defeats and 4 draws. Oguma suffered the third setback against 21 wins (10 knockouts).

● REPORT FROM JAPAN — By JOE KOIZUMI ●

TOKYO, JAPAN—Kuniaki Shibata, WBC's junior lightweight leader, was named 'Fighter of the Year' by the Tokyo Boxing Writers Club. The 130-pound puncher dethroned Mexico's Ricardo Arredondo and scored two defenses in 1974. He defeated Antonio Amaya, Panamanian veteran, and overwhelmed Ecuador's Ramiro Bolanos in 15 rounds each. Other awards went to the following fighters:

Technique, Masataka Takayama (national lightweight champion); Valuable Victory, Guts Ishimatsu (WBC lightweight champion); Fighting Spirit, Shoji Oguma (WBC flyweight champion); Efforts, Susumu Hanagata (WBA flyweight champion); Knockout, Royal Kobayashi (unbeaten ex-Olympic medalist, featherweight).

No youngsters were found suitable for Rookie Citations. Shibata's 15-round win from durable Bolanos was elected 'Fight of the Year' unanimously.

Best Amateur Boxer was Hitoshi Ishigaki, who took a gold medal in the bantam class of the Asian Sports Games.

Masataka Takayama's ambitious crack at the 130-pound class title was unsuccessful. He was finished by Roberto Durn in 1 min. 40 sec. of the opening round of a scheduled 15 rounder, in Costa Rica. Masa's visit to the canvas on three occasions was televised live via a satellite.

Duran punished the Japanese all to bits from the start.

Masataka should have used his specialties, left jabbing and footwork, to avoid Duran's vaunted action. For all our man's bad kayo Roberto impressed TV-watchers here by his scrappy powerful punching.

▲Herbert Kang, 133¾, was onesidedly beaten by Jose Luis Lopez, who won a TKO at the end of the eighth session of a scheduled tenner. (It was held at Korakuen Hall, Tokyo, where following results in this report happened unless otherwise designated.)

The Mexican winner, tipping at 133½, toyed the Korean with his superiority in speed and skill. Lopez outmaneuvered the slower guy and scored well with body punches. Kang's roundhouse lefts and rights missed too often due to Lopez' fast mobility. Kang bled from the forehead in round six. The puncher who once kayoed Kuniaki Shibata years ago was unable to continue because of a bad gash.

▲A real upset almost happened. Lion Furuyama, Japan's junior welterweight leader, was held to an unexpected draw by Kiyoshi Kazama in 10 bruising rounds. It was Kazama's first appearance in Japan. He was former national amateur champion, who turned pro in Hawaii and won three all with two knockouts. Furuyama's experience with a 31-7-2 record (with 22 kayoes) had accounted for onesided odds. He lost quite close verdicts to Antonio Cervantes in Panama, and to Pedro Fernadez in Italy last year. But Kazama fought by far better than expected.

He counterpunched the lefty champ to win two rounds, losing none in the first half. The 23-year-old rookie bloodies Lion at the left eyebrow in round 2, and from the nose in the next session. Furuyama's eyesight was failing. So he bored in to mix it up brutally. Lion concentrated on landing body punches, his specialty, to Kazama. They combatted toe-to-toe in the last three rounds.

Official verdict was split. Referee Ugo tabbed 48-47 in Kazama's favor, but judge Nakamori devised the same score 48-47 for Lion. Another judge Morita saw it a draw 46-46. Both wanted a rematch to decide which should be stronger really. Some 2000 fans who packed Korakuen Hall well may come to see the m fight again in the near future.

▲Having lost an upset decision to Flash Gallego in the Philippines, Yoshio Apollo returned to the ring in Osaka. Yoshio, who had drew with Ben Villaflor in 15 rounds last year, easily whipped Korea's Hwa-Yong Yuh in 10 furious frames. They were junior lightweights who over-weighed the limit, at 131¼.

▲Shig Fukuyama's shot at Bobby Chacon's feather title was postponed, though his 9th-round KO of Danny Lopez had been evaluated highly. Lopez wanted a return with the Japanese strongly. Then a winner of their rematch decides a man to meet Chacon for the title at stake.

▲Jiro Takada, national flyweight boss and The Ring's Prospect of the Month in Nov. issue, was a lopsided points winner. Victim was Tsutomu Igarashi, who kissed the canvas twice in the eighth session. Takada, 112, put up busy action with stinging lefts and smashing rights. Igarashi, 111, pounds, was no match for the rising speedster only to lose a shutout nod.

▲Royal Kobayashi, most promising rookie after his entry into a pro field as an ex-Olympic medalist, continued his winning streak to 14 by a kayo over Sanjo Takemori in the second canto of a scheduled 10-rounder. It means Kobayashi's 12th knockout collection.

The card drew a sell-out crowd of 2500 at Korakuen Hall here. Takemore was also a hope with an important draw with Rigoberto Riasco and a good win over Waringe Nakayama. In the first session Sanjo released a two-fisted attack to the KO artist.

Kobayashi threw few punches to study his opponent's mobility. However the shorter winner began a firework in the second round. His vaunted left hook exploded at the button of Sanjo. Down he went. He regained his feet at the compulsory eight count. Kobayashi swarmed over the fading guy to deck him again with a same blow as the first knockdown happened.

Sanjo, previously compiling a record of 13-4-2 (7KOs), beat the count wobbly. He was floored again and out. A future of the mustached ex-Olympian may be bright. Kobayashi received a KO Award from Boxing Writers Club for having sent six men to the dreamland in his 7 wins in 1974. He finished Joe Medel, Mexican veteran, and whipped Filipino Bert Nabalatan.

REDD FOXX BACK IN BOXING

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In 1973 after attending Roosevelt University to major in education, Houpe transferred to Pepperdine University for the Fall semester.

In 1974 Houpe finished his first year at Pepperdine while winning the Southern California Golden Gloves championship by knocking out Henry Washington in the first round. He annexed the South Pacific Coast AAU title with another one round knockout, this time Cornelius Green was the victim.

"That's when I started having trouble finding opponents," Houpe says.

That was just about the time Foxx stepped in. "I have a couple guys scouting around for me. One of them mentioned Houpe," Foxx explained.

"He was working out at the Main Street gym. I went down and had a look. I liked what I saw so I signed him," Foxx said between tapes of "Sanford and Son."

"It was my turn to help someone and I picked him." Under the agreement with Foxx, Houpe gets $650 to go to school, fight, and support his family.

Jones, who also managed Amos "Night Train" Lincoln, says Houpe has kayo power in either hand. "And he's ring wise. After all he had 100 amateur fights. He won 85 and knocked out 65," Jones said.

But Foxx is not eager to push Houpe too fast. "I'm not going to rush him," the comedian said. "And, I'm not going to make any predictions. I'll leave that up to Ali."

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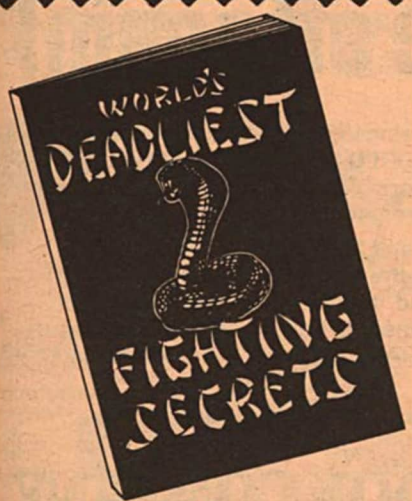

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NEW ENGLAND'S BIG THREE

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his success. Goodie has a gift of working well with kids. Marvin has no fear and looks forward to tangling with the top middleweights and earning a crack at the division championship.

New England fans who have seen Paul Poirier of New Bedford in action are high on the youngster and he is touted to continue his rapid rise. Paul started boxing in the Silver Mittens and took the 125 pound class title in 1972. He entered the Junior Olympics and went to New York where he was a bronze medal winner. In 1973 Golden Glove competition he was edged out by veteran amateur, Bob Brown of Fall River.

Paul then entered the punch for pay ranks. He turned pro on May 3, 1973 by copping a six round decision over Nelson Alvarado in Portland, Me. In his eighth pro bout he handed a boxing lesson to New England lightweight champion, Beau Jaynes, in a non-title bout.

It was discovered that Poirier, despite his capabilities was too young to be boxing professionally. The Boxing Commission in Massachusetts headed by Manny Aronis and the Legislature weighed the situation.

Paul showed a tremendous amount of promise and was winning his fights handily without taking punishment. To make him lay-off for two years or until he reached 18, the legal age for boxing professionally in Massachusetts, would be a detriment to his promising career.

By a special act of the Legislature he has been allowed to continue. He has scored 17 wins. Veteran Jim Henry tried to frustrate the clever Poirier with all sorts of moves and menacing gestures but Paul remained calm, cool, and collected to pile up a wide margin of points, not once but twice. Al Romano, former New England welterweight titleholder; Chris Pina, Paul Pender's protege; Jose Carlos Garcia; and others have gone down to defeat.

Paul is an orphan. He was brought up in a foster home and is interested in swimming and physical fitness. He was a welterweight when he turned pro but has grown into a junior middleweight. He could possibly develop into a lightheavyweight or heavyweight. Paul is capably managed and trained by Vinnie Vecchione of Brockton and has a bright future.

KID HOWARD MOURNED BY FANS IN MARITIMES

By FRED BISHOP

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Howard had been named to the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

WORLD RATINGS

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Jose Casas, who has moved up to compete as a featherweight.

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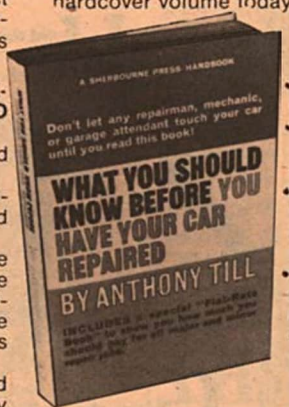

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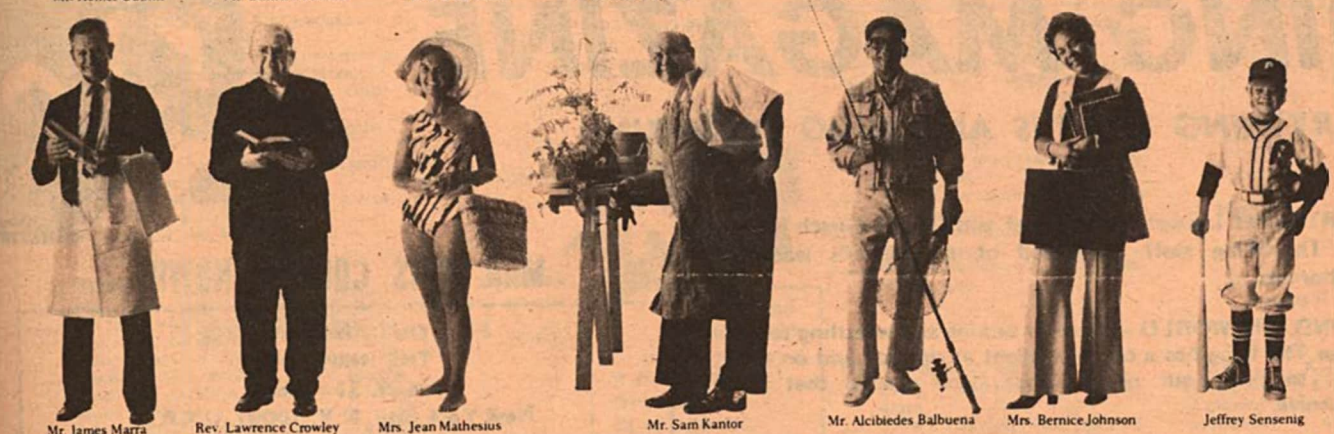

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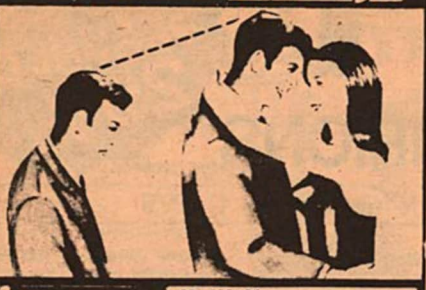

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MARY SKARDA, FIGHT MANAGER

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for the professional boxing franchise in St. Paul. Her presentation to the Commission was excellent. She far overshadowed her competition in knowledge of boxing, but she was voted down as politics seemed to enter the picture.

As for Mary Skarda's two fighters, both George Anderson and Chuck Mitch have tremendous confidence in Mary and her know-how in the boxing game.

Both feel that she will do the best job for them.

So far Anderson has posted a 1-0-1 record as he has defeated Ron Pettigrew and fought a draw with John Fuller. Anderson is one of the better prospects the Twin Cities have to offer. He is married and works for Red Owl Inc.

Anderson was the St. Paul Golden Gloves champ several times and had a long amateur career. Trainer Del Bravo is very high on Anderson's talents. Well known Ohio manager John McCafferty said of Anderson, "He's the kind of fighter I would like to have, he's got everything."

Mitch is the most popular of all the area fighters. Mitch headed the boxing program at St. Thomas College in St. Paul for a few years, and he now works at his father's drinking emporium in St. Paul, which when Chuck fights, is nearly empty because all the customers are at the fights to see Chuck fight.

So far Mitch is undefeated having posted a 3-0-0 record. Chuck has kayoed Lon Burdon and Sam Carroll, while outpointing Larry Moore.

Mary says of her fighters, "Chuck Mitch is as tough as anyone and he is improving all the time. I have high hopes of seeing him in main events real soon. When George Anderson gets his jab down pat no one around here will even touch the kid. I would like to see George add a little weight and challenge that other prospect St. Paul has, a guy by the name of Gary Holmgren. I think George would beat him right now."

If all the women who enter boxing, or any other sport for that matter are anything like Mary Skarda, they are welcome.

THE CHUCK WEPNER MIRACLE

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York City February 6, 1941, but my folks did not linger long on East 143rd Street. For some reason I was transported to Bayonne, N.J., where I acquired quite a reputation as an all-Jersey High in sports and received a bunch of offers of scholarships from colleges, especially in the South.

"However, I was interested in boxing more than football and other activities.

"I had a long ring career as an amateur. I was unbeaten in 65 bouts and won Golden Gloves and A.A.U. titles. I was on my way to the professional ring where my record is 32 wins, 9 losts, and 2 draw fights.

"I have fought men who had gained high ratings. I beat Ernie Terrell and I was beaten by Sonny Liston, a hard hitter.

"I started as a pro in 1964 with a three round KO against George Cooper.

"For some years my career was impeded by my bearing the label of bleeder. But I no longer fight under that handicap. That mysterious ointment Al Braverman got from Jack Kearns during the eight years Al was with Dempsey's manager has helped work wonders for me. What's in it? He won't confide in anyone."

For this fight Al Braverman added to his strategic command the famous manager and promoter Bill Daley, who has been based in Puerto Rico. Braverman also recruited a well known cornerman, Bill Prezant.

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By DON FRASER

Chacon - Lopez Feather Gate, $222,000, 1974 Coast Tops

Los Angeles played host to fight which was biggest draw of 1974 when Danny Lopez, left, was knocked out in ninth round of a scheduled 12 rounder.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF. — It was Bobby Chacon and Ruben Olivares who kept Southern California boxing going in 1974.

Chacon's knockout over Alfredo Marciano, of Venezuela, for the World Boxing Council featherweight title and his stopping of Danny Lopez accounted for the two biggest gates for the Olympic Boxing Club.

Olivares was the mainstay of the Forum organization, headlining three shows (Arguello-Utagawa-Hafey) that grossed over the $400,000 figure.

The Chacon-Lopez thriller held at the L.A. Sports Arena which grossed $222,020 was tops for California last year.

Olivares against Alexis Arguello for the WBA title did $186,400, second best in the state.

The closed circuit business kept the Forum in the black.

Four fights (Ali-Frazier, Ali-Foreman, Frazier- Quarry and Monzon-Napoles) brought in $413,769.

The 22-year-old Chacon was named the "Fighter of the Year" for California and his brawl with Lopez, the best action fight.

Veteran promoter George Parnassus was recognized as Boxing's Man of the Year. Other awards went to Aileen Eaton, Olympic Aud promoter and Joe Ponce, Chacon's manager.

▲**Los Angeles** — Mexico City's Carlos Becerril, 129, battered Richie Alvarado, 130, West Jordan, Utah, to register a knockout after 2:18 of the fifth round at the Olympic Auditorium.

Becerril, a member of the Howie Steindler stable, was in full command from the first round on.

Alvarado is managed by Marv Jensen and trained by Gene Fullmer. The former middleweight champ didn't make the trip.

Marty Monroe, 199, Los Angeles, KO over Ron Draper, 200, Utah; Cookie Valencia, 129, Utah, KO over Alex Agosto, 129½, Los Angeles, (5); Carmelo Cruz, 141, Los Angeles, decision Costenito Rodriguez, 139, Mexico, (5).

▲**Los Angeles** — Irish Randy Shields was just too strong and tall for Carlos Barajas, 135, Mexicali in their main event at the Olympic.

The 19-year-old from North Hollywood just about closed both of Barajas' eyes and was never in any danger himself.

After landing just about any punch he wanted, Randy's hand was raised by referee Dick Steele after 2:57 of the fifth.

For Shields, who weighed 136½, it was his 19th victory and 14th knockout.

Javier Muniz, 138, East Los Angeles, KO over Lupe Del Gadillo, 140, Mexico, (5); Jose del Rio, 119, Los Angeles, decision over Johnny Jensen, 120, Los Angeles; Pete Ranzany, 149, Sacramento, KO over Jesus Burciago, 149½, Los Angeles (1).

▲**Los Angeles** — After breezing to an easy victory in the first defense of his California lightweight title, Monroe Brooks announced that he would campaign for a crack at the World Junior welterweight championship.

Brooks, 135, disposed of Aurelio Muniz, 134, San Jose, in the fourth round of their scheduled 12-rounder at the Olympic.

The flashy 20-year-old connected with two jarring rights midway in the fourth. Both crashed against the Mexican's jaw and buckled his knees.

With his back to the ropes, Muniz took a steady stream of blows, most of which found their mark. The tough up-stater attempted to cover up, but the combination came too fast and he soon was on the floor.

At the count of three, Muniz made it to his feet. Brooks was soon all over him and referee George Latka ended hostilities after 1:50. Muniz was cut over the left eye and on the bridge of his nose.

Monroe, who is managed by ex-boxers Jackie McCoy and Henry Davis, improved his record to 25-1-2.

In the 10-round co-feature, Carlos Palomino, 149, Long Beach, gave Tommy Howard, 152, Seattle, a trouncing.

A student at Long Beach State College, Palomino used his educated left hand to punch out a unanimous verdict.

The gate was $6,803.

Young Sanford, 203, Los Angeles, KO over Pinto Spears, 235, Los Angeles, (1); Armando Mendieta, 130, East Los Angeles, decision over Agustin Martinez, 128, Los Angeles, (5).

LUNNYS, FIGHTER AND DAD, AIM FOR LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

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good moves and a tough kid who doesn't mind mixing it up.

His most sensational win was a one-punch second-round knockout in Dec. 1972 of Frankie Crawford, who once fought for the featherweight title but regressed into a chronic loser.

The senior Lunny had been accused of nursing his boy along ultra-conservatively, matching him mostly against setups — until the test against Villaflor. The tough Filipino, a world class fighter for three years who now operates out of Honolulu, is a hard-hitting swarmer. He has won and lost and recaptured the junior lightweight title. Even without the aid of that accidental butt when their two heads bumped, Lunny was coming on strong in their non-title bout.

The gash forced postponement of a title defense by Villaflor in the Philippines in December. It also delayed an anticipated chance at the crown for Lunny in January.

But keep the name in mind. Ray Lunny III. Because he'll bring some excitement to the little guys in boxing.

"I think he has the potential to be a champion," says his admittedly partial father. "He's going to show you don't have to be from the other side of the tracks to be talented or have the courage to win fights."

KATES SHOWS RUST IN 10 ROUNDER WITH LLOYD

By NIGEL COLLINS

Wilmington, Delaware — World rated light heavyweight Richie Kates recorded a unanimous but drab 10-round decision over Florida import Bobby Lloyd at Fournier Hall.

Although the main event was far from an artistic triumph Les Sitzer and Sam Jacobs enjoyed the biggest gate of their brief co-promotional career.

Kates, from Bridgeton, N.J., was making his first start in six months and the rust showed. Lloyd came to survive and to that extent was successful.

Bobby, two pounds heavier at 176, did manage to stun Richie with a sneak right hand in the second but was never really in the fight after that. Kates forced what little action there was, scoring well with his own right in the second and sixth rounds.

Al Styles Jr, 155, TKO'ed Baltimore's Lester Camper, 156, in the sixth round. Camper was knocked down three times in the fifth but for some inexplicable reason referee John Aiello let him continue until mid-way into the final round.

The 1,300 fans got their monies worth when Bob Byrd, 203, revenged a previous loss by punching his way to a 4-round split decision over Joe Barbizi, 210.

This was a no-science brawl that had the fans in an uproar from bell to bell. Barbizi decked Byrd with a wild right in the first but Bob battled back to earn the nod. Both boxers are from Delaware so a rubber match seems in order.

Philadelphian Ernie "Grog" Singletary, 161, halted Eddie Motton in just 55 seconds of the opening round. Eddie fielded some nasty shots but seemed to be riding out the storm when referee Aiello made his move.

Local Jimmy Anderson, 160, stopped pathetic Tim Kirk, 157, in two. Kirk has been blasted out in all four of his pro fights.

Leroy Diggs, 205, got an easy TKO when Walt Whittington, hog fat at 312, turned to his corner and quit in 2:15 of the first round.

In a walk-out bout scheduled for six, Vandell "Big Boy" Woods, 178, TKO'ed a willing but inept Aldo Carelli, 179, in four.

▲Allentown, Pa. — Lightweights Luis Vega and J. PP. Florio fought to a six-round draw before a small but happy crowd at Agriculture Hall. John Florio, J.P.'s father, promoted the card.

Both of these young boxers made up for their lack of class with an enthusiastic display. Florio was the better boxer but Vega forced the fight and finished a little bit stronger. Florio and Vega are both local favorites so the verdict was well received.

Another local Frank Matiera stopped Frank Sumpter when the Philadelphian did not come out for the fourth, this welterweight tiff scheduled for six.

Sumpter was out in front the first two rounds but started looking for a place to hide when Matiera landed a hard right tot the body mid-way into the third.

Undefeated Philadelphian Youngblood Williams, 152, scored his fourth knockout in a row. The victim this time was New Jersey's Prince Nikita Tarhocker, 155. The Prince decided he had had enough after fielding a couple of Youngblood's potent left hooks early in the first.

Zack Clayton refereed all three pro bouts. Five amateur fights helped pad out the show with lively action.

▲ Philadelphia, Pa. — The local scene stayed active the past month with J. Russell Peltz promoting two shows at the city's only small club, the Blue Horizon. It was bombs away during the first card when four of the scheduled five bouts ended in the opening round.

In the windup Philadelphian Jerome Artis continued his winning streak with an easy KO over New Yorker Eddie Rivera, 131, came out throwing leather and didn't stop until Rivera slumped to the boards. Rivera, 125, could have beaten the count but he decided against it. The quick fisted Artis is now 7-1-1-.

In the only bout to go the distance Joe Gholston, 177 ½, bested Ron Oliver over eight rounds. Gholston's sharper punching to the head won the match for him but Oliver stayed in there with body shots that seemed to bother Joe. Oliver, 178, visited the canvas for a brief count in the fifth for the fights only knockdown.

Alfonso Evans, 131, blasted out Billy Wade, 125½, in the opening frame of a scheduled sixer. Evans has won all seven of his pro outings but this was his first knockout.

Youngblood Williams, 149½, racked up his third pro win with a KO over Warren Williams, 148½. Williams, from N.Y.C., offered little resistance.

Fred "Hurk" Jenkins, 153, opened the show with still another one round knockout. His victim was fellow Philadelphian Moses Robinson, 150. It was the first paid contest for both boxers.

▲Ble Horizon — Local slugger Perry "Lil" Abner ended the Philadelphia boxing season with a close 8-round points win over nail tough New Yorker Juan Rueda. It was a typical Abner fight, all action from first bell to last.

Abner, 154, had the better of the early going. His powerful left hook doing damage to both head and body. A low blow dropped Rueda in the third but referee Hank Cisco let the fight continue after giving the Puerto Rican a short rest.

A double left hook to the head floored Juan in the fourth but he got up full of fight and had Perry backing up at the bell. Rueda's attack continued over the next three rounds and Abner needed a big final frame to pull it out.

Wayne McGee, 176, handed Matthew Franklin, 175, his first loss in eight pro starts over six rounds. McGee stayed close and worked the body, never giving Franklin a chance to get set. Both boxers are from Philadelphia.

Baby Kid Chocolate, 120, outpointed Jose Resto, 129, in another six spot. Chocolate, who is now 7-0, had to work hard against the ever game loser out of New York.

Archie Andrews, the wild man from Juniper Gym, TKO'ed Willie Davis in a welterweight tiff scheduled for four-rounds. The end came at 0:29 of the third after a good mix-up.

In other bouts Victor Henley, 149, decisioned Ray Pitts in four and William Berry, 123, destroyed Chico Vivas, 116 in one.

SHAVERS AND YOUNG IN DRAW; SAENZ WINNER

By BUDDY EY

Baltimore, Md. — Promoter Eli Hanover presented 4 ten rounders in a fistic extravaganza at the Capitol Center in Landover, Md. The show was a treat for the 5,889 fans.

Earnie Shavers, 208, Warren, Ohio, appeared a bit rusty and was fortunate to salvage a draw against game Jimmy Young, 201, Philadelphia. A tremendous left hook spilled Young in the 4th round. Earnie KO'ed Jimmy in the 3rd round last year.

Leo Saenz, 158, Baltimpre based Mexican, was given the fight of his life by southpaw Bruce Cantrell, 150, Spartanburg, S.C. Cantrell refused to wilt under the firepower of Saenz and was so doggedly plugging away at the final bell. Although he lost, Cantrell was given a standing ovation by the appreciative crowd. One official called it a draw.

A classic boxing contest between Johnny Gant, 144, Washington, D.C. and Alfonso Hayman, 147, Philadelphia, developed into a vicious punching duel. Both boys took turns dropping each other in the 6th round. Hayman came out smoking in the last round and knocked down his favored foe twice. Cant was out on his feet and Referee Larry Barrett wisely stopped it after 1 min and 19 seconds.

Clyde Washington, 149, New Orleans, seemingly ended the career of Russell Buddy Boggs, 148, Baltimore, with a savage two fisted assault in the 2nd round. Boggs was knocked down, got up, and fell on his face.

The show opened with Oliver Lewis, 165, Baltimore, blasting out Leon Beasley, 164, Washington, D.C. in the 2nd round of a slated 4.

Billy Sharkey, 177, Baltimore, unloaded a long left hook in the 2nd round to knock out local opponent, Frank Scott, 180, for the second time.

J. D. Faison, 149, Washington, D.C. pounded out a 6 round decision over Ray Pitts, 146, Philadelphia.

Joe Poodles, Sr. veteran Baltimore boxing figure, is the new matchmaker for Sports Activities, Inc., Eli Hanover, President.

"VOO DOO" AVERETTE ENJOYS THREE WINS IN MONTH

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Chicago, Ill. — Keith "Voo Doo" Averette, young Ohio welterweight, added three wins to his record.

▲Chicago — Won unanimous six round decision from Ricky Thomatis. Averette 150; Thomatis 149.

▲Milwaukee — Scored TKO over Billy Goodwin, tenth round. Averette 149; Goodwin 147½.

▲Columbus — Won unanimous decision from Shane Bosley. Averette 148; Bosley 152.

His overall pro record is now 13-3-2.

▲In the Columbus main event — Billy Douglas, 166½, KO'ed Danny Brewer, 165, Chicago, at 1:29 of second. Brewer was a replacement for Casey Gacic of Cleveland who ran out on promoter Red Banks at the last minute. The fight was billed for the junior light heavyweight title. Fred Jones, 220, Columbus, KO'ed Jess Clark, 210, Columbus, at 2:36 of round three.

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Bunny Johnson Stops McAlinden In 9th For British Heavy Title

By RON OLVER

LONDON — Jamaican-born Bunny Johnson is the new British and Commonwealth heavyweight champion, and the first black fighter ever to win this title. This is at the World Sporting Club.

Johnson won in the most conclusive manner possible, by knocking out the holder, Irishman Danny McAlinden, in the ninth round.

It was the end of an uncomfortable and unsatisfactory reign, for this was Danny's first defense during the two and a half years he held the crown.

He has been dogged by injury, illness and other factors, and gained very little reward financially from being British champion.

Johnson, too, had his problems, and since qualifying for a title fight has had to wait 14 months before eventually obtaining it. Twice before this particular contest has been postponed.

However, Bunny made the most of his chance, and was always the master. McAlinden knows only one way to fight—he comes forward and throws punches and isn't too bothered about defense. His one moment of near-glory came in the fourth round, when he decked Johnson with a long left swing that somehow found its way through the challenger's so far immaculate defense.

But Johnson rose almost immediately, and it was too near the end of the round for McAlinden to follow up.

There was nearly a sensational first-round victory for Johnson, who quickly tagged the champ with a left hook to the jaw that sent him reeling across the ring. But Bunny unaccountably didn't keep the pressure on, and Mac was allowed to get off the hook.

Apart from his lapse in the fourth, the 27-year-old Johnson was never in trouble, and although conceding half a stone (McAlinden 193, Johnson 186), Bunny was a class above the champion in skill and ringcraft. If he could prevent McAlinden landing one of his hefty hooks and swings, it was obvious that the challenger had only to keep jabbing with his left and move away before Mac could retaliate.

The farther the fight went, the more frustrated McAlinden looked. He wasn't able to pin the challenger down, and as time went on it was evident that the only way he could win was by a stoppage, and with Johnson boxing in controlled fashion there didn't seem much likelihood of that.

Even when their heads met, it was Mac who came out with his left eyebrow cut, nothing was working for the champ.

Johnson was in no hurry. He probed and feinted for his openings, allowed the champ to take the initiative, then countered to good effect. And when he countered it wasn't just one punch, but clean blows from both hands.

At the end of the eighth, Johnson had established a good points lead, yet there was no indication at that stage that McAlinden

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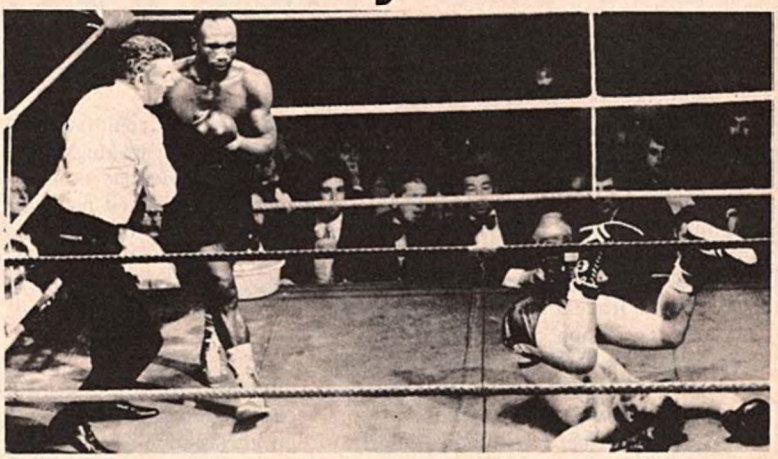

Bunny Johnson of Jamaica motioned to neutral corner by referee Roland Dakin as Danny McAlinden hits the canvas in 9th round to be counted out of fight and his British crown.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of February 15, 1975)

HEAVYWEIGHT
Champion
Bunny Johnson (J)

1. Joe Bugner (E)
2. Danny McAlinden (I)
3. Mani Vaka (Tonga)
4. Billy Aird (E)
5. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
6. Ngoziza Ekwellum (N)
7. Richard Dunn (E)
8. Wendell Newton (Bah.)
9. Eddie Neilson (E)
10. Sunia Cama (Fiji)

CRUISERWEIGHT
Champion
John Conteh (E)

1. Chris Finnegan (E)
2. Maxie Smith (E)
3. Roy John (W)
4. Steve Aczel (A)
5. Pat McCann (E)
6. Johnny Frankham (E)
7. Gary Summerhays (C)
8. Baby Boy Rolle (J)
9. Greg McNamara (A)
10. Alipate Korovou (Ton.)

MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Tony Mundine (A)

1. Kevin Finnegan (E)
2. Bunny Sterling (J)
3. Carlos Marks (Tr)
4. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
5. Alan Minter (E)
6. Monty Betham (NZ)
7. William White (Samoa)
8. Dave Downey (C)
9. Gary Broughton (C)
10. Jan Magdziarz (E)

LIGHT-MIDDLEWEIGHT
Champion
Charkey Ramen (A)

1. Elisha Obed (Bah.)
2. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
3. Maurice Hope (Ant.)
4. Larry Paul (E)
5. Donato Paduano (C)
6. Pongie Lie (Tonga)
7. Matt Donovan (Tr)
8. Kevin White (E)
9. Jean Claude Leclair (C)
10. Ricky Patterson (A)

WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Clyde Gray (C)

1. John H. Stracey (E)
2. Rocky Mattioli (A)
3. Fernand Marcotte (C)
4. Eddie Blay (G)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Pat Thomas (J)
7. Kenny Webber (E)
8. Henry Rhiney (J)
9. Trevor Francis (J)
10. Lennox Beckles (Guy.)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT
Champion
Hector Thompson (A)

1. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
2. Martin Beni (Papua)
3. Joey Singleton (E)
4. Pat McCormack (I)
5. Des Morrison (J)
6. Eric Briggs (NZ)
7. Johnny Summerhays (C)
8. Wally Carr (A)
9. Lawrence Hafey (C)
10. Jim Melrose (S)

LIGHTWEIGHT
Champion
Percy Hayles (J)

1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Jim Watt (S)
4. Jonathan Dele (N)
5. Fitzroy Guiseppe (Tr)
6. Colin Cassidy (A)
7. Jimmy Bell (S)
8. Andy Broome (A)
9. Johnny Cheshire (S)
10. Noel McIvor (E)

FEATHERWEIGHT
Champion
David Poison (G)

1. Art Hafey (C)
2. Evan Armstrong (S)
3. Bobby Dunne (A)
4. Jimmy Revie (E)
4. Alan Richardson (E)
6. Vernon Sollas (S)
7. Merv Wockner (A)
8. Bingo Crooks (J)
9. Alan Buchanan (S)
10. Mario Stango (E)

BANTAMWEIGHT
Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)

1. Dave Needham (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Sulley Shittu (G)
4. Guinea Hillier (A)
5. John Kellie (S)
6. George Turpin (E)
7. Paddy Graham (I)
8. Brian Clout (A)
9. Dennis Talbot (A)
10. Billy Edwards (A)

FLYWEIGHT
Champion
Big Jim West (A)

1. Henry Nissen (A)
2. Brian Roberts (A)
3. Patrick Mambwe (Zam.)
4. John McCluskey (S)
5. Jim Slatter (A)

Legend: An Antigua; A Australia; B Bahamas; C Canada; E England; Fi Fiji Islands; G Ghana; Gu Guyana; In India; I Ireland; J Jamaica; M Malta; N Nigeria; Nz New Zealand; S Scotland; T Trinidad; To Tonga; W Wales; BH British Honduras; Z Zambia.

BUNNY JOHNSON STOPS McALINDEN IN 9th FOR BRITISH HEAVY TITLE

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would be stopped. He was being outboxed and outmaneuvered, but looked strong enough still.

It was the Johnson left hook that deposited McAlinden on the canvas, a good punch, but seemingly not a lethal one. But it was accurate, and Mac took a count of "nine" before rising, only to run into a similar punch, and down he went again.

He landed on his back, rolled over on his side, and hence to a sitting position where he spread his arms wide to the spectators and shrugged his shoulders as much as to say "I'd like to get up, but I can't."

In that position he was counted out, attempting in vain to lever himself off the canvas, but making no movement at all. His tired body and legs just wouldn't respond.

As referee Roland Dakin tolled the fatal "ten" the expression on Johnson's face had to be seen to be believed. He was happiness itself, and had written another chapter in the history of the heavyweight division.

I like to think that I contributed, albeit indirectly, to Bunny's victory, and to his achieving his ambition, for up to five or six years ago only British-born boxers, and boxers from Eire (Southern Ireland) who became naturalized Britishers, could fight for British national titles.

Accordingly I campaigned in the sporting press on behalf of immigrants who had spent most of their lives in Britain, and were permanently domiciled here. Eventually the British Board of Control brought in a ten-years residential clause, and in 1970 Bunny Sterling became the first immigrant champion under the new rule.

Coincidentally, Sterling and Johnson are both managed by George Francis, who also looks after World cruiser champ John Conteh.

I feel sorry for McAlinden, who was once matched with European champ Joe Bugner in a triple-title match at Earls Court, London, a gigantic arena, and the total purse was £100,000.

Unfortunately, Mac was stopped by American Morrie Jackson, a comparative unknown, so the proposed Bugner-McAlinden bout never materialized.

Danny was understandably disappointed at losing his crown, and said he thought he would have done a lot better if he had been allowed a warm-up fight. But the Board of Control were bound by the rule-book and had to refuse.

As the Lonsdale Belt was being placed around Johnson's waist he said "I wonder what Lord Lonsdale would have thought of a coloured fighter winning this title? He probably wouldn't have approved, but I think he would have enjoyed the fight."

The late Lord Lonsdale was of course responsible for donating belts for all British champions, a tradition that started in 1909. They are still known as Lonsdale Belts, although now provided by the Board of Control.

What of the future? Manager Francis told me he has two main aims—a European title fight with Bugner and a World title fight with Muhammad Ali.

"I understand that Ali wants to fight in Jamaica," said George. "Bunny comes from Jamaica, so there's a ready-made money-spinner.

"As British champion, Bunny will obviously be nominated to meet Bugner for the Euro crown, and fancies his chance against Joe."

So Johnson could succeed where McAlinden failed, in making a lot of money from his reign. He has certainly worked hard enough and waited patiently enough for his chance, and at one time was very bitter at not being able to get enough work, which he thought was because of his color.

Now all that has passed, and his future looks great.

Of the fight itself, he was modest in victory, and stated: "I knew he was a proud champ, and naturally knew he wouldn't fold up just as soon as I hit him. But I was a bit surprised when I caught him in the first round, and I know now that I should have followed up immediately. But having waited ten years for my chance, I also knew that I could afford to wait for a few rounds longer."

Matchmaker Jack Solomons had assembled around the ringside a galaxy of former British heavyweight champions, including Len Harvey, Tommy Farr, Jack Petersen and Henry Cooper.

The bout was sponsored by holiday-club millionaire Fred Pontin, which is an innovation, and could, we hope, be a forerunner of things to come.

ITALY'S DURAN RETAINS TITLE AGAINST CSANDL

By LEO VOLNHOFER

Vienna, Austria — Now it was Franz Csandl's turn, first to sweat down from a genuine middle to a junior middle, then to tackle the elegant Jose Duran and to try to wrest the European crown from his head.

But Csandl, 153, also missed the chance to become the first Austrian European junior middles champion, although it appeared in the fateful 14th round that he might win with sheer determination and aggression what he lacked in boxing technique and finesse.

After being subjected to two minutes of brutal manhandling in that 14th round, Jose Duran freed himself with a desperate rally, and then landed clearly with a hard left hook to his opponent's liver and with a right uppercut to the chin. Csandl landed on both his mittens and had to take an "8" count. Somehow he survived the round and even managed to narrowly win the 15th and last one. But referee Antoine Taillerac of France, and judges Sid Nathan of Great Britain and Dino Ambrosini of Italy voted for Duran. My tally was seven rounds for Duran and five for Csandl with three rounds even.

Argentina's world rated Avenamar Peralta, 182, played around for four rounds with Kilani Romdani of Tunisia, 197, then got down to serious business in the 5th, prompting the Tunisian's corner to throw in the towel.

Experienced junior middle Frank Medina of Nicaragua, narrowly outpointed Wolfgang Gans of Germany, twice conqueror of former world champion Mando Ramos, after eight rounds.

In another junior middles scrap, Czechoslovakian Jaroslav Travnik comfortably outpointed Ludwig Kammerhofer of Austria in a sixer.

In the preliminaries 16-year-old Alfred Orsolics won a 3-rounder from Franz Karoly. Talented Alfred is the nephew of Austria's two time European champion Johann Orsolics, who sat at ringside and is still undecided whether to hang them up. He is almost 28 and wondering about a third comeback. In my humble opinion, Orsolics would still be a world-rated fighter, had he shown enough discipline to hold the welterweight limit. Against the junior middles he met in the last year, he had to give away always height and reach and had to take three blows in order to land one.

FOURIE OVER SEKGAPANE IN FAIR FIGHT IN JOBURG

By ED CLARK

Johannesburg, South Africa — Pierre Fourie and Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane both won their bouts impressively against Baby Boy Rolle and Everaldo Costa Azevedo at the Rand Stadium before a crowd of 15,000. Fourie cruised to victory against Rolle over 10 rounds in the light-heavyweight division and Rolle who had gone the distance with John Conteh had little to offer as he "spoiled" to last the distance.

Fourie shot ahead in the first two rounds via a snappy left jab and was landing blows at will.

In the third Fourie slipped but was up immediately and Rolle caught Fourie knocking his gum-guard out.

In the interval Fourie was seen to vomit and was obviously unwell and Rolle taking note of this stormed out in the fourth and attacking had blood from Fourie's nose. Rolle pressed his advantage and won this round. Rolle did well in the next also but Fourie had recovered and proceeded to outfight and outbox his opponent.

Rain fell hard in the sixth causing both boxers to slip. Rolle was wild as the rain pelted down but Fourie scored with lefts to the head. Rolle tried to wrestle as the next rounds went by but in the last two it was all Fourie who, if he could hit hard would have put the boxer from the Bahamas away.

Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane won impressively over 10 rounds against the Brazilian who resides in Italy. The fight was fast and action packed with Azevedo slightly ahead after six rounds but Sekgapane came from behind to score with rapid blows and had Azevedo hanging on in the last two rounds. Azevedo said that the altitude "killed him" from the fifth hence his easing off and Sekgapane coming to the fore.

Sekgapane wore down the Brazilian who did well to hang on and last the distance. Roughly a hundred punches were thrown by Sekgapane in the ninth round as he turned on the pressure and he tried for a stoppage in the final stanza but failed.

West German Conny Velensek gave away some 50 pounds to Mike Schutte, 242, and won the decision over 8 rounds; Johnny Sham stopped Andre Nel, 1, wetlers; Sydney Bensch decisioned Chris du Plessis, 4, middleweights.

▲**Benoni** — Results from the Wattville Social Center, Wattville, Ben Lekalake TKO 1. Afrikaans Gwala, junior lightweights; Jethrose Luhlongwane decisioned Charipane Mofokeng, 6, middleweights; Derrick Phetoe outscored Johnny Dlamini, 6, featherweights; Evans Gwiji KO 2 Jacob Mphore, featherweights; Isaac Gwebu KO 3 George Beluk, featherweights; Petrus Mahlangu KO 3 Martin Nooi, 3, unior welterweights.

▲**Johannesburg** — At Uncle Tom's Hall, Gordon Goba decisioned Victor Ntloko over 8 rounds in a lively bout. In the first four rounds Ntloko was the aggressor but Goba retaliated with accurate blows and by the sixth Ntloko was showing signs of wear and Goba stepped up the pace and a left to Ntloko's jaw had him down but he rose to continue. In the last two rounds Goba went all out for the "kill" but Ntloko held on till the end.

Moses Khoni stopped Reggie Hillmer when Hillmer dislocated his arm in the sixth, lightweights; Peter Mathebula TKO'ed Abednigo Hlape, 2, flyweights; Emmanuel Gumede KO'ed Joseph Mohlala, 4, welters; Simon Zondo decisioned Simon Thamae, 4, junior lightweights; Richard Modise won over John Ngwenya, 4, bantams; Jacob Morake won over Johannes Seabelo, 4, feathers.

▲**Durban** — Moses Mthembu the cagey Natal lightweight titleholder had too much "on the ball" for up and coming hard hitting Themba Hlabisa and retained his title on points over 10 rounds at Curries Fountain Stadium. Hlabisa was on top in the early rounds giving him confidence but the champ using his greater experience varied his attacks to head and body to wear Hlabisa down. Hlabisa the harder hitter used little "power" blows and was foxed into boxing a category in which Mthembu excels.

▲**Salisbury, Rhodesia** — 6,000 fans crowded into the Rufaro to see Rhodesian heavyweight champion Mahomed "Tar Baby" Afonso and American negro Freddie Young but the bout ended in the second round when Young went down with a stinging left to the side of the head and remained on his hands and knees to be counted out. The referee recommended that Young's purse be withheld as he did not consider the punch a hard enough one to knock out Young. The Rhodesian Board finally decided the next day to pay Young his money but recommended to Young's home board that the boxer was not fit for the fight. Young looked the "goods" in the first scoring with jabs and trying to end the fight with a left hook but did not connect. In the second "Tar Baby" changed tactics and speeded up the fight and threw a right that had Young off balance then the left that ended matters.

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BUCHANAN BEATS TAVAREZ, REMAINS EUROPEAN CHAMP

By J. A. TREE

PARIS, FRANCE — The year 1974 closed with a European title bout in Paris. Scot Ken Buchanan made a successful defense beating Fenchman Leonard Tavarez, the fight being stopped in round fourteen.

With the new year only seven days old, Jose Duran, Spain, was climbing into a ring in Vienna to make a defense of his European junior middleweight title against local Franz Csandl. The Austrian stayed the distance but lost on points.

Frenchman Leonard Tavarez was named as official challenger for Ken Buchanan's European lightweight title and the British ex-world champion had no alternative but to go to Paris and make a defense against a man he already had beaten in non title affairs on two occasions. Being generous, one could have scored one round to Tavarez with five even and the remainder to Buchanan. The French based Senegalese caught the Britain with a right in round two and blood came from the champion's left eye. In frame thirteen Tavarez took a standing count of eight and the bell closed the round soon afterwards.

In the fourteenth Tavarez again took a standing count and with only forty seconds gone of the frame the towel was thrown in.

Buchanan won the title by beating Antonio Puddu, Italy, in May last year and this was his first defense.

Roberto Duran and Miguel Velazquez are the only two fighters to beat Buchanan in fifty-eight fights.

Tavarez, 38 years of age, five and a half years older than Buchanan, has had 46 contests, winning 28, losing 13 and drawing 5. This was the 107th European lightweight title fight since Freddie Welsh held the crown in 1909.

Buchanan is the 42nd boxer to wear the crown and it was the 14th lightweight title fight to be staged in Paris.

▲**European junior middleweight champion** Jose Duran, making his third defense since he won the crown beating Jacques Kechichian, France, in June last year, outscored local Franz Csandl over fifteen rounds, to retain his crown.

Duran's victory was expected but Csandl's performance surprised most for few had expected him to stay the course. The 26-year-old Csandl, having his first taste of defeat in eighteen bouts, was decked in round fourteen but recovered well to fight back strongly.

Five thousand saw a good bout and were well pleased with Csandl's performance. Promoter was German Willi Zeller. This was the 38th title fight to feature an Austrian and they have now won 18, lost 19 and drawn 1. Austrians to win a European title are, Heinz Lazek and Joe Weidin, heavyweight, Heinz Lazek, light heavyweight, Poldi Steinbach, middle, Johann Orsolics, welter and junior welterweight, Karl Blaho, light, and Ernst Weiss who held the feather, bantamweight and flyweight crowns. This was the 28th European contest to beat staged in Vienna. On four occasions two foreigners fought for a European title in the Austrian capital.

Austrian boxers travelled abroad on fourteen occasions to fight for European titles. 9 took place in Berlin, 2 in Paris, 1 in Munich, London, and Frankfort.

▲**In Germany** there were 18 promotions in 1974 staged in eight towns. Berlin had 7, Hamburg and Lubeck 3, Frankfort, Cologne, Buchholz, Munich and Offenbach 1 each. 63,459 witnessed the 18 fight cards. 40 German boxers were active, nine less than in 1973.

Foreigners licensed with the German Federation number 18 and they took part in 20 bouts abroad. German boxers met 42 foreigners in German rings winning 33, losing 5 and drawing 4. In all German fights we saw 25 and in another 25 both men were foreigners. German fighters had 55 bouts abroad winning 16, losing 36 and drawing 3. Eckhard Dagge was voted German Fighter of the Year 1974. His only defeat was to Jose Duran, Spain, in a bout for the European junior middleweight title.

ITALY

▲**Milan** — Featherweight. Paul Ikumapayi beat Luigi Tessarin TKO4. Lightweight. Rocco Zecca decisioned Matthew Thomas, six.

▲**Campi di Bisenzio** — Bantamweight. Gianni Garbo beat Stefano Bongianni, TKO6.

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EUROPEAN RATINGS

Heavyweight	Light Heavies	Middleweights	Junior Middles
* Joe Bugner (GB)	* Domenico Adinolfi (I)	* Kevin Finnegan (GB)	* Jose Duran (S)
1. Bepi Ros (I)	1. Karl Heinz Klein (G)	1. Gratien Tonna (F)	1. Eckhard Dagge (G)
2. Dante Cane (I)	2. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)	2. Max Cohen (F)	2. Jacques Kechichian (F)
3. Rudi Lubbers (H)	3. Aldo Traversaro (I)	3. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)	3. Johann Orsolics (A)
4. Mario Baruzzi (I)	4. Harold Skog (N)	4. Fabio Bettini (F)	4. Fighting Mack (H)
5. Jean Pierre Coopman (B)	5. Lothar Stengel (G)	5. Frank Reiche (G)	5. Jean Claude Warusfel (F)
6. Bernd August (G)	6. Sergio Janilli (I)	6. Franz Csandl (A)	6. Aldo Bentini (I)
7. Conny Velensek (G)	7. Christian Poncelet (F)	7. Domenico Tiberia (I)	7. Damiano Lossandro (I)
8. Lorenzo Zanon (I)	8. Freddy DeKerpel (B)	8. Germano Valsechi (I)	8. Antonio Castellini (I)
9. Jan Lubbers (H)	9. Leo Kakolewicz (G)	9. Paul Knudsen (D)	9. Francis Vermandere (F)
10. Armano Zanini (I)	10. Jose Galvez Vasquez (S)	10. Elio Calcabrini (I)	10. Alberto Torri (I)

Welterweights	Junior Welters	Lightweights	Junior Lights
* John H. Stracey (GB)	* Title vacant	* Ken Buchanan (GB)	* Sven Erik Poulsen (N)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)	1. Perico Fernandez (S)	1. Enzo Pizzoni (I)	1. Errki Nikkinen (Fn)
2. Domenico Di Lorio (I)	2. Toni Ortiz (S)	2. Rosario Sanna (I)	2. Antonio Puddu (I)
3. Marco Scano (I)	3. Roger Zami (F)	3. Ugo Di Pietro (I)	3. Lothar Abend (G)
4. Max Hebeisen (Switz)	4. Bruno Freshi (I)	4. Leonard Tavarez (F)	4. Ugo Poli (I)
5. Germain Lemaitre (F)	5. Piero Ceru (I)	5. Giancarlo Usai (I)	5. Giovanni Girgenti (I)
6. Jorgen Hansen (D)	6. Ernesto Bergamesco (I)	6. Nedo Fabbri (I)	6. Mario Redl (I)
7. Yves Leferrand (F)	7. Gomez Fouz (S)	7. Efisio Pinna (I)	7. Natale Vezzoli (I)
8. Gonzales Dopico (S)	8. Walter Blaser (Switz)	8. Andre Holyk (Fin)	8. Miguel Molleda (S)
9. Kristian Hoydahl (N)	9. Bernard Creto (F)	9. Jeronimo Lucas (S)	9. Manuel Alcala (S)
10. Gianni Molesini (I)	10. Fernando Sanchez (S)	10. Jean Piedvache (F)	10. Domingo Jiminez (S)

Featherweights	Bantamweights	Flyweights
* Jose Jiminez (S)	* Bob Allotey (S)	* Franco Udella (I)
1. Elio Cotena (I)	1. Salvatore Fabrizio (I)	1. Emilio Pireddu (I)
2. Toni Sassarini (I)	2. Ambrogio Mariani (I)	2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Enzo Farinelli (I)	3. Guy Caudron (F)	3. Dominque Cesari (I)
4. Michele Siracusa (I)	4. Jacky Bihin (F)	4. Pedro Molledro (S)
5. Daniel Vermandere (F)	5. Jose Luis Otero (S)	5. Christian Martin (F)
6. Albert Amatler (F)	6. Fernando Atzori (I)	6. Franco Buglione (I)
7. Gilles Debert (F)	7. Franco Petrozzi (I)	7. Angelo Spano (I)
8. Pasqualino Morbidelli (I)	8. Pedro Pinto (S)	8. Altero Marini (I)
9. Ramiro Marichal (S)	9. Ferdinando Ripamonti (I)	9. Mariano Garcia (S)
10. Rodolfo Garcia (S)	10. Luigi Tessarini (I)	10. Dino Contemori (I)

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CLEVELAND SADLY RECOLLECTS DAYS WHEN GREAT FIGHTERS MADE HISTORY

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one out with either hand. His knockout total of 141 is still a record.

The middleweight division has always been a great one all over the country as well as the world. Cleveland was no different. . .believe me! Harry Greb was a member of this division. Another was Mickey Walker who in recent times has been in the news because he has come upon hard times. When he was in his prime he fought in Cleveland and from what some of the elder fight fans of this town have told me, he was a real great one.

In not-so-distant times many of the middleweight champions have fought here at one point or another in their careers. Graziano, Jake LaMotta and the immortal Sugar Ray Robinson all were featured here.

Sugar Ray was involved in a rather tragic fight here in 1947. While defending his welterweight crown for the first time, Ray's opponent Jimmy Doyle died from injuries sustained in the bout. Ironically the man who really may have caused Doyle's death was toughie Artie Levin who previously had come very close to beating Ray Robinson in Cleveland and had given Doyle a bad pasting, or so it is claimed. The "Sugarman" also fought here against Izzy Jannazzo and Tommy Bell, the same man he won the welterweight laurels from. Sugar Ray has to go down as one of the greatest ringmen to ever show his wares in our city.

Carmen Basilio, like Robinson, fought here as a welterweight champion prior to going on to become middleweight champion. Carmen. "Mr. Blood and Guts" himself, only fought here once, but it was in a title fight on Feb. 22, 1957. He knocked out Johnny Saxton in two rounds to retain his welterweight title.

Other welters who fought here were: Hammerin' Henry Armstrong, Fritzie Zivic, Johnny Bratton, Virgil Atkins, and the Cuban "Hawk" Kid Gavilan. Armstrong and Gavilan are of course two of the ring's most colorful performers of all time.

Before I was old enough to realize what boxing was all about Cleveland was the site of many a great battle. It wasn't uncommon to have 10-12,000 people crammed into our ancient Cleveland Arena. In those days fighters were abundant and crowds had to be turned away. Today it is hard to find a crowd over 5,000. Several promoters in the 70's have tried to find a successful formula for drawing people, but to no avail.

The Emile Griffith-Doyle Baird middleweight encounter put on by Don Elbaum in 1970, was the largest crowd I can remember with 7,000 plus fans attending. But such names as Floyd Patterson, Cleveland Williams, Ken Norton and George Foreman have failed to provide a larger crowd.

For those of us who have grown up in this era of boxing it is awfully hard to realize how great Cleveland once was in the world of boxing. I listen to my father and older friends and neighbors and just dream. The names of Robinson, Walcott, Louis, Armstrong, Kilbane and Moore, or the vision of crowds in the Cleveland Arena and Cleveland Public Hall watching the likes of Jimmy Bivins, Lloyd Marshall, Chuck Hunter, Jimmy Reeves and many other local stars rattle through my brain. And yes, we have always had our adopted sons.

Anton Christoforidis, Rocky Castellani and Joey Giardello were a few. Joey Giardello won the middleweight title before he "hung them up" and appeared here as champion as well as prior to his championship days. In seven bouts taking place in Cleveland between 1956 and 1964, he never tasted defeat. Opponents like Bobby Boyd, Charlie Cotton, Bobby Lane, Dick Tiger and Rocky Rivero were defeated by the crafty Giardello. Sure there was the cry of "hometown decision" once or twice, but what did we care? Cleveland was nearing the end of its big days in boxing and we needed a local hero, even if he was a transplanted one at that!

Many of the big names have passed on in recent years. A few years ago Jackie Davis, a local fighter who fought Barney Ross in 1931, collapsed after refereeing a local bout here. A short time ago Chuck Hunter died. He had met such big names as Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta and Harold Johnson in his career.

Louis "King Louis" Disantis died in 1974 at the age of 62. In 1929 he turned pro as a lightweight and won 34 out of 35 bouts before a broken hand shelved him for good. In 1932 he beat Lou Ambers and his future seemed bright until the hand thing came up. Before he died Disantis showed that old fighters never really lose their punch.

About four years ago Disantis observed a man stealing a ladies purse. He chased the man for three blocks, knocked him down with one punch and held him until the police arrived shortly thereafter. Cleveland is full of memories like this.

With the current nostalgia craze that is going across the nation in other areas, why not include boxing? Just go into a local bar or gym and strike up a conversation and you'll soon find out that Cleveland was once a heck of a boxing city with plenty of action in the square circle.

The names of Benny Leonard, Pete Herman, Pancho Villa, Lauro Salas, Sandy Saddler and Willie Pep are brought up. They all fought here. It must have been something to watch so many greats in action so often. Today Cleveland has been reduced to a few fights here and there.

Don King matched another transplant — Jeff "Candy Slim" Merritt, against Ron Stander, a fighter whose chief claim to fame was that he served as a punching bag for Joe Frazier's fists for five rounds without hitting the canvas. This fight, held in November of '73 saw Merritt win with a rather convincing 3rd round kayo. That was our last local card. Even the presence of former champs Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali couldn't raise the attendance above 5,000. Times have changed, there is no doubt about that!

While many fight centers have come about in California and other western states, places like Cleveland and New York have suffered somewhat. You have to be completely honest and realize that there just aren't that many fighters around anymore.

The old saying goes that fighters just aren't as good as they used to be. Most of the fighters of today fight because they are hooked or love the sport. Years ago fighters were produced mainly out of necessity and not out of any "love" for the game. The older fans will say they were tougher in the old days and that "they don't make them like they used to." Most retired fighters will make the same claim.

One former champion that will admit that some of today's fighters are just as good as in his heyday is Ben Jeby. Ben told veteran boxing writer and referee Lew Eskin this not too long ago. I don't know whether Jeby will get any of the other ex-pugs to agree, but you've got to admit it is a rare thing to hear such a comment.

Beau Jack, Ceferino Garcia, Chalky Wright, Joe Brown, Orlando Zulueta, Tony Janiro, Sonny Liston. . .the list goes on and on. Clevelanders saw the cream of the crop many times. And yes, I'm sure they saw their share of bums also!

The 30's, 40's and early 50's will never come back. Times change and people change. Great promoters like Larry Atkins made Cleveland a boxing center during the prime time of boxing before television choked it out. But it took a great crop of fighters to make Larry a successful promoter and it took the same bunch of men to make Cleveland a boxing center.

I remember being down at the Cleveland Arena on September 11, 1964, to watch Dick Tiger and Don Fullmer do battle. This was the last fight to be televised in the Gillette series. Watching Dick Tiger defeat Don Fullmer, I listened to people talk and you would have thought you were at a wake. Nonetheless boxing has made several minor comebacks in Cleveland and will probably continue to do so from time to time.

This fall the new Midwest Coliseum will open halfway between Cleveland and Akron, Ohio. It will seat 20,000 fans and Clevelander Donald King still dreams of packing the place. It may be a dream, it may not be, who can say?

It has to stand. . .the ghosts of the 30's, 40's and 50's need a place to stay. The memories will remain and the roar of the crowd will still echo in the minds of guys like Jimmy Bivins, for Cleveland was once a boxing center my friends!

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MIKE QUARRY'S MEETING WITH RASCON QUIET

By BART RIPP

Albuquerque, N.M. — Light heavyweight Bobby Rascon tilted at one too many windmills in a quixotic but futile attempt to beat Mike Quarry in a bout that drew 2400 persons to the Civic Auditorium.

The 23-year-old Quarry used looping punches copied from Windmill Ray White, borrowed a shuffle from Jersey Joe Walcott and used some snapping jabs of his own to win a unanimous 10-round decision from Rascon.

Judge Mike Klaube scored the fight 99-91 for Quarry while judge Richard Koslowski and referee Joe Louis Murphy both had Quarry pitching a 100-91 shutout. This corner scored it 100-92 for Quarry, who raised his record to 43-5-3.

There were no knockdowns in the fight that saw Quarry open and remain the aggressor. Rascon, who weighed 174 pounds, didn't do much in the early going. The Tucson veteran advanced cautiously on the snapping Quarry, like a person exploring a cave. Mike, 176, greeted the spelunker with hunks of jabs to the forehead.

Rascon staled more surely in the third round, but rain into the first of Quarry's windmill blows. This punch has Mike loop his right glove extravangantly, then bop Rascon in the face with the left.

Quarry entertained the crowd with his versions of the Ali and Walcott shuffle. One of the few times Rascon landed a punch was when Quarry relaxed Ali-like against the ropes.

In a scheduled eight-round heavyweight semifinal, bubbly Jody Ballard, 196, Houston, upped his record to 13-1 with 11 knockouts when he kayoed Koli Vailea, 189, Tonga, at 1:24 of the sixth round. Jody banged and banged and banged on Vailea, who didn't live up to the tattoo on his right arm that has a skull and cross bones above the legend: "Kill."

A promising light named Larry Castaneda, 166, Tucson, made his pro debut a smashing success when he kayoed Robert Hall, 158, Phoenix, at 2:15 of the first round.

In a scheduled six-round bantamweight bout Jesse Trujillo, 118, Taos, had his front tooth broken but knocked out Anthony Simon, 118, Houston, at 2:45 of the second round.

Albuquerque's Joe Zamora, 136, also made a successful pro debut, scoring a unanimous four-round decision over Larry Cantu, 134, of Phoenix.

The Duke City will have a franchise in the new World Team Boxing. Paul Chavez and Pete Ashlock will run the local club.

VILLA AND PRADA DRAW FOR COLOMBIAN TITLE

By LUIS A. GONZALEZ V. (LAGOVEN)

Bogota, Columbia — Emiliano Villa, 137 1%3, Barranquilla, Colombian junior welter champion and Jose Bernardo Prada, 138 9%10, drew in twelve good rounds for the title.

Villa, with a longer reach, boxed tactically and hooked Prada's face. The right eye of the champion was closed and Prada lost a tooth. Both fighters received an ovation from the 9,000 fans.

Referee Jaime Olivares called it 117-114 for the champion. Judge Carlos "Focha" Hernandez 118-118 and judge Jose Vicente Alcala 116-118 for the challenger. Our card was marked 117-116 for Villa.

Armando "Policia" Perez, 126 4%5, Cartagena, gained a unanimous decision over Miguel Espinosa, 124 1%3, Bogota, in ten rounds.

Nestor "Baba" Jiminez, 121¼, Cartagena, iced Fernando Bustos, 119, Bogota, when the bell sounded for the end of the second round.

Hugo Barraza, 139, Cartagena, TKO'ed in the second, (0:46) Julio Pena, 139 1%3, Bogota. In an unpopular and absurd decision, Juanito Herrera, 111 4%5, Barranquilla, was declared loser in his match with Alvaro Lopez, 111 1%3, Bogota. Herrera played with his contender all the time but was robbed.

In another card, Rafael Piamonte, 126 7%10, Tunja, knocked out Orlando Marimon, 138 9%10, Santa Marta, in the third of six rounds.

Welter Carlos Obregon kayoed Jose Guerrero, Cartagena, in one. Sigifredo Moreno, Buenaventura, bantamweight, knocked out Jorge Benitez, Uruguay, in the second round.

▲**Cartagena** — Ruben "La Cobra" Valdez, Colombian bantam, and Francisco Villegas, Puerto Rico, drew in ten rounds.

Enrique Pinto TKO'ed Luis Zuniga in 5. (Flyweights). Jaime Ricardo, Cartagena, decisioned Jaime Amaya, Barranquilla, in ten rounds. (Bantamweights). Alfonso Cobas and Hector Diaz, drew in ten. (Flyweights).

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But, as I say, all that is behind me now. These days I spend my time as *I* like...because *I've found the secret of lasting success.*

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But most days I'd rather work on my sports car, or play tennis at the country club, or take my youngsters to the zoo, or just loaf around the pool. Not bad for someone with a high school education, eh?

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Most men, it is said, lead lives of quiet desperation. I'm writing this because I've *seen* that look of anguish and despair on the faces of people—good, honest, law-abiding people, slaving away at dead-end jobs they hate...punching clocks that kill the spirit and deaden the soul...watching helplessly as runaway inflation gobbles up what's left of their savings. I know that look well...it says, "There *must* be more to life than this!"

I'm the first to admit that money isn't everything. But who would deny that money can free a person to discover for himself the most important things in life? And so the other day it occurred to me that I might be able to help some of those people who are looking for a way out...and maybe help myself in the bargain. All I would have to do, I figured, is to put my "secret" on paper and sell it for a profit. I reasoned that people would have to be crazy not to part with a few dollars if I could show them the road to immediate retirement...with enough money to do what they want for the rest of their lives. A vacation, new clothes, a car...or just more time with the family. Pennies from heaven during a recession!

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HAAS REPORTS DOINGS OF TEXAS RINGMEN

By HARLAN HAAS

Houston, Texas — James "Bubba" Busceme, the young junior lightweight from Beaumont, would without a doubt win the "Outstanding boxer's award for Texas" for 1974 if such an award was handed out. The incomparable Busceme just keeps winning and winning and many veteran boxing observers are predicting a world title is within reach in the not too distant future.

Funny thing but he could probably hold the featherweight, junior lightweight, and lightweight titles simultaneously if it were permissible. Perry Payne, the knowledgeable boxing promoter down Beaumont way, has struck a bonanza such as they haven't seen in that area since Paul Jorgensen was beating every featherweight in sight back in the 1950's. Beaumont is very fortunate to have a promoter of Payne's caliber. We've known Perry close to 25 years and have seen him as an outstanding fight manager and gifted trainer who could get the maximum out of his fighters. He knows the public relations field as well as anyone around today, and is a peerless matchmaker.

Beaumont has always been a good boxing city and it seems only yesterday that the writer was sending fighter's down that way to the late Bill Plattsmier—old "New Iberia Bill" now that was a great guy but that era has long since passed.

It is always sad for the writer to report the passing of good friends in boxing. Now, we have to report the death of Van Bevill a few months ago here in Houston. Van was on his way to Dallas to see his son Joey play football. He was stricken with a heart attack and did not recover.

His son, Joey, is a freshman at Rice University who was in Dallas to play Southern Methodist University. Van did most of his professional boxing as a middleweight in the early 1950's in Miami and one bout the writer recalls was a six round draw with Chief Crazy Horse in 1951. He moved to Houston in the 1950's and became perhaps the most successful night club operator in our city first with Van's Ballroom and later and last at Van's Stampede Ballroom.

Earle Keel who did most of his pro fighting on the West Coast under the direction of the late Suey Welch and was trained by the late Joe Stanley is doing mighty well for himself here in Houston. Keel owns Celebrity Limousine Service in addition to owning a car lot and other business interests. West Coast fans will remember the tall Chickasaw Indian as a sparring partner for Willie Bean, Clarence Henry, and others. He fought such people as Sammy Saunders, Gabe Freeman, Dave Kelly, Tony Renteria, Lonnie "Battling Blackjack" Craft, Benny Cordova, Lou Newman, Ray Louis, Tommy Harrison, and Frankie Crane.

He moved to Houston in 1953, and boxed Jimmy Curl, Joe Moran, Harvey Fellon,, Tobe Harris, and Tino Longoria. In addition to his varied business interests today he is one of our foremost referees.

Roy Harris doing very very well for himself these days and still lives in the Cut 'n Shoot area. He is the elected County Clerk of Montgomery County, and a very prominent real estate dealer. Roy is involved in one of the two boxing leagues being started about the country. He has cast his lot with the league that will start off with beginners, and it looks quite promising as much headway has been made. Fans will recall Roy Harris and his big victories over Willie Pastrano, Bob Baker, Willi Besmanoff, Charley Powell, Charley Norkus, Joe Bygraves and his title fight with Floyd Patterson. Roy as recently as a couple of years ago was thinking of a comeback—he still looks as trim as ever at 215 solid pounds.

Benny Rusk, who did most of his pro boxing around New York some 20 years ago, is a Vice President of a bank near Houston. Benny is a longtime friend of Roy Harris.

We have always admired a fighter who is rough and tough in the ring but one who has some compassion for his fellowman on the outside. Our "Good Guy" of the year boxing wise here in Texas would have to go to Cookie Wallace the Dallas based heavyweight. He has donated considerable time during the year towards helping underpriviledged children even doigoing so far as to donate part of his ring pay towards helping those in need. A tough "Cookie" inside the ring but a most compassionate genuine nice guy when it comes to helping others less fortunate than himself.

James "Bubba" Busceme keeps right on winning and before a near capacity crowd at McDonald Gym (Lamar University's field house) he scored a seventh round knockout over Mexico's Joel Sepulveda. Busceme was the master all the way, and weighed in at 132, while Sepulveda tipped the beam at 135. Terry Krueger, 209, San Antonio, needed but three rounds to dispose of trial horse Terry Sorrells, 216, Austin,. Krueger, managed by Jimmy Parks, lives and dies by the punch—he is liable to tip anyone over on a given night. Pete Chianchiano, 228, hung a one round knockout on Gary Baker, 226, in a true battle of big guys. Gene Wells, 159½, Mobile, stopped Raul Aguirre, 160, San

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"RINGSIDE" WITH "SAILOR" DON SAUER

The fight game has been losing some of the great ones of late—recently former heavyweight champ Jimmy Braddock passed on at the age of 68—and veteran trainer Freddie Fierro had the fatal ten rolled over him at the age of 66.

Nori Takatani, the manager of Jap featherweight contender Shig Fukuyama is looking for action for his gladiator in West Coast rings. . .Shig is a real action battler—with plenty of experience and heart. . .Tom Bogs, probably Denmarks greatest athlete ever, hung up his gloves on his thirtieth birthday, after dropping a duke to Tom Bethea in Copenhagen. . .Veteran boxing mentor Mel Epstein, now based in Los Angeles—(formerly out of Montana hills)—figures he finally has his "tiger" Irish Mike Nixon back on the winning trail—Mel deserves a break—he has dedicated his life to the fight game and now maybe in his 70's, he can come up with a solid contender—or maybe even a champion. . .Former featherweight champ Willie Pep summed it all up when someone asked him how everything was going, when he replied, "fine, I have a TV set and a wife—and both are working". . .Frankie Otero is back in the gym at Miami Beach readying himself for a return to the ring. . .When world middleweight champion, Carlos Monzon made a flight to Miami Beach, he never made it to the gym—he didn't care to advertise he was there with actress friend Susy Gimenez—a dazzling blonde. . .while wife Beatriz was home with the kids in Argentina. . .Gil Clancy has sure got the mileage out of aging former welter and middleweight king, Emile Griffith—who always gives the fans a run for their money—wherever and whenever he shows. . .great guy for boxing.

Joe Frazier says that "white hope" Duane Bobick has real potential. . .and he'd like to buy up the former Navy champ if Bill Daniels, the Denver millionaire is ready to sell. . .Meanwhile Frazier's contract with Cloverlay expired recently—and he has indicated he has no intention of renewing same. . .there are 944 stockholders involved and 37,000 shares of stock.

I hope that World Team Boxing can garner enough fistic talent to make it work—there are some solid brains behind the organization and only time will tell. There are 15 franchises and three shaky ones and a television contract with CBS for monthly Sunday afternoon showings at 2:30 p.m., N.Y. time. . .Larry Middleton, who had been sidelined with a broken wrist—is back in the gym performing "light chores". . .and should be ready for action before this winter is over. . .ditto for Kevin Finnegan, the European middleweight champ, who suffered a broken jaw (fractured mandible for you laymen) in his winning effort against West Germany's Frank Reiche.

Former Olympic boxing coach Robert Pappy Gault, was acquitted of charges he took bribes in return for arranging trips to non-existent sporting events for inmates of the Lorton, Va., reformatory. . .Al Braverman's daughter, Cory, now a well-rated singer, will appear at Paddy Flood's Wig and Pen Club in NYC—she's a show stopper. . .Al is looking for a world title "shot" for his Jersey heavyweight Chuck Wepner.

Vern Stevenson, Canadian top boxing manager and trainer, looking for action for his welterweight Larry Hafey, older brother of featherweight Art. . .Stevenson has 26 fighters under contract. . .Sammy Aaronson, former New York boxing manager, is dead in Los Angeles at the age of 75. . .If George Foreman ever does get another crack at the heavyweight title—he'd better get a good trainer. . .Muhammad Ali actually stole the crown from the Oakland big boy—biggest "con-job" ever for Ali—. . .Old managers realized how valuable cornermen were—the late, Jack Hurley who managed Bill Marquet told this story many times—Marquet, boxing during the depression years, wanted to put a "friend" in his corner one night—because the "friend" needed a handout—Hurley was asked about it—to which he replied, "How much does the guy need and how much do you want to give your 'friend'?" Marquet replied, "Ten bucks will do it.". . .Hurley handed the guy the "sawbuck" and said, "Get lost now—we don't need shoemakers in the corner."

A significant announcement out of Chicago by Herbert Muhammad, Ali's manager of record, that he alone will negotiate for the heavyweight champion and he alone will inform the populace when and if a defense happens. . .For the boxing impressario's around the fight circuit—Marvelous Marvin Hagler, Brockton, Mass., middleweight trained and managed by Goody and Pat Petronelli out of East Bridgewater, Mass., is "for real". . .this guy possesses all of the ingredients to make it big in boxing. . .he thumped Sugar Ray Seales, 2nd time around, this time in Seales' native Northwest (at Seattle). . .and came out of the fight with a draw.

Ben Villaflor picked up $15,000 and Ray Lunny III a nifty ten grand for their settoo at San Francisco—the gate was $42,950 for promoter Jim Pusateri—at the Garden City Boxing Club. . .pop Ray Lunny, Jr., says Ray III is ready for the best in the division—but will not box anyone over 133 pounds. . .Some well-meaning advice to Kim Booker—quit now—when a pitty-pat puncher like Rudy Robles can cross your eyes three times, knock you down once and render you "non compos mentis" at the end, it's time to retire formrom boxing. . .The World Boxing Council established new semi-flyweight division with 108-pound limit at request of Orient members. . .A tournament will be conducted now to determine champion after all federations send names and records of their little guys who rate a "shot at a world title".

Terry Hinke, supernumerary in the George Foreman camp, has been inactive since the Zaire preliminaries and itching for a big payday. . .Steve Hamas, former heavyweight who beat my pal, Max Schmeling in 1934, won a few collegiate boxing titles. . .in his return match with Max in Hamburg, Germany, Schmeling knocked Steve out in the ninth round. . .he died recently at 67 at the Veterans Hospital in Long Island, N.Y. . .Some of the old-timers who fought three minutes out of every round were Mexican Baby Arizmendi, Bud Taylor, Midget Walgast and Newsboy Brown—they gave the fans plenty of action. . .where are fighters of this calibre today?

Randy Neumann, heavyweight, will be managed by veteran boxing booking agent Dewey Fragetta in the future. . .Randy is a model, has an ad in Sports Illustrated and TV Guide—is a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University—is a motorcycle racer, writes for the N.Y. Times Sports and other publications and is a good fighter. . .Dave Thompson has a California contract on Rudy Barro, yet someone grabbed the fighter, brought him to Bangkok, without Dave's o.k. and the California Commission is investigating to protect Dave's interest—Barro was kayoed in the first round of the fight in Bangkok too. . .to make matters worse. . .Dewey Fragetta trying to close a world light-heavyweight title defense with Pierre Fourie as challenger in a Johannesburg, South Africa ring.

Jerry Quarry is getting plenty of offers for fights—and may take them all, if the price is right. . .Jerry is having matrimonial problems of late—and would like to iron these out first. . .What happened to the group pushing Rocky DiFazio out of Chicago? No more news has been forthcoming of late. . .maybe they have given up on their puncher. . .who knows? Jake LaMotta, former middleweight king and real tough guy, is the host at the Mardigras in New York. . .Young Sanford, who is managed by Redd Foxx, has to show more than he has in the past to make it in the heavyweight division. . .they named a street in Orange, N.J., for Tony Galento, their native son the other day—and Tony was on hand with his wife Mary for the event. . .Mike Dundee has a good one in Elisha Obed. . .Mike is the son of Miami Beach fight promoter, Chris, and nephew of trainer Angelo. . .pretty good credentials I would say.

Al Bachman working f the corner for Canadian fighters who are displaying their fistic wares in N.Y.C. rings of late. . .Former welterweight champ Curtis Cokes, is training light-heavyweight Terry Daniels, hoping to get the lad on the winning trail. . .California's unbeaten lightweight Bobby Hernandez (15-0) has two detached retinas and has been officially retired by the California Commission medicos.

Ken Norton, back from making a "flick" in Louisiana, is contemplating an offer for a second movie, and this could very well end Kenny's boxing career—he loves the movies—and is not too keen on returning to the gym. . .Manuel Elizondo, a resident of San Diego and middleweight champion of Mexico, is one courageous and dedicated fighter—Manuel was a victim of tuberculosis as a teenager who fought back to become one of the world's fastest rising 160 pounders. . .Jimmy DePiano is high on middleweight Mike Rossman, Jewish battler, sporting an unbeaten record out of Turnersville, N.J.—who is trained by Jake LaMotta's old trainer Charlie Guglietto, who is known in the boxing business as Uncle Charley. . .Pinkie George is the guy who made boxing a hit in the mid-west in the thirties—with fellows like Lee Savold and Johnny Paycheck. . .now Pinkie is promoting wrestling in and around San Diego, but he still keeps news coming my way—always a great man for the ring game.

Jimmy Frain, the 73-year-old trainer of former heavyweight Tony Galento, still lives "right down the street from his old fighter" in Orange, N.J. . .Mike Quarry is back "in shape"—after blowing up to 200 pounds for a spell—and will resume his ring career under the Pete Ashlock banner at Orlando, Fla. . .Doug Brady, the Daytona Beach banker, claims Dennis Riggs is now under his management and in the best shape of his career—but if this is so, how come Riggs "ran out" on two fights with Marvin Hagler in New England rings? Lou Viscusi is still waiting with his middleweight socker, Tony Licata "in the wings". . .to see what transpires in the middleweight division. . .as the champ, Carlos Monzon, says his fight with Rodrigo Valdes, the #1 challenger, will be his (Monzon's) last fight. . .where have I heard that song before?

Roland LaStarza, former heavyweight contender in Rocky Marciano's hey-day, is now a stage star, appearing in several plays in Florida.

GUZMAN BEATS VILLA IN PHILIPPINE NON-TITLE

By FELIPE J. C. GALANG

Manila, P.I. — Dan Guzman, 142, logical title holder of the Philippines welterweight division, eliminated Bert Villa, 140, of Negros Occidental in the 6th round of a 10-round non title bout in Cabanatuxan City. The victory made Guzman a contender for the crown of Chang Kee-Lee of Korea, the welterweight title holder of the Orient.

Pablito Obreno, 126, decisioned Ricky Gayuna, 125, in 10 round supporting event. Pablito's experience was his main asset. Ricky was a willing mixer.

Felipe Garcia, 130, defeated Virgilio Garcia, 129, in another 10 rounds. Both fighters have the smaame surname but no relation.

Ric Garcia Santos, 120, knocked out Ernie Sangel, 119, in the first round of the scheduled 8. A left and a right to the jaw ended the night for Ernie.

Boyet de Guzman, 125, outpointed Rodrigo Mudlong, 126, in 6. Rodrigo was the aggressor but Boyet was the counter-puncher, who knows where his rival punches are coming from and ready to counter in every move.

Rodolfo Vargas, 130, beat Kid Marcelo, 129, in 6 rounds. They started the fireworks at the start and kept punching without a let up. Rodolfo received more points in the last 2 rounds.

Ding del Rosario, 112, kayoed Rolly Garcia Ramos, 112, in the 4th round. A right to the jaw ended the fight.

Joe Matic, 110, stopped Louis Ortiz, 110, in the second round.

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The fight was dull and sluggish for the first 10 rounds. They became alive in the last two rounds. Javierto was the aggressor without any effect for the counterpuncher. In the last rounds, Javierto was able to locate his opponent and did the damage.

The verdict was unanimous with Danny Campo, former boxer, deciding in favor of the champion, who received the Pancho Villa belt donated by Pres. Ferdinand Marcos.

San Sacristan, 119, halted Danny Reyes, 119, in 8 rounds, scheduled for 10. Danny's eye was half closed and he was not in a position to defend himself. Ring physician Capt. Rohito Madelo ordered the fight stopped.

Fernando Cabanela, world leading contender for the flyweight crown, lost to Hong Soo-Hwan in Seoul, Korea in 15 rounds. There was no knockout. Cabanela was accompanied by former world junior lightweight champion Flyah Elorde who seconded the Filipino fighter. The WBA champion was sporting a closed left eye, a bloody mouth and nose but managed to win the fight because of his aggressiveness.

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GRIFFITH BOXES PADUANO TO DEFEAT IN MONTREAL

By FRANK ALLNUTT

Montreal — Promoter Regis Levesque rounded out the final live boxing card of the year with another top rate programme which was held at the Forum with four ten round bouts, all going the distance.

In the main event, former world welterweight and middleweight champion, Emile Griffith, 157, showed real class by going the entire distance using only his left hand and experience to win a unanimous decision over Donato Paduano, 151½. At the opening bell it was Griffith who set the pace and had Paduano backing up. Midway through the round, Griffith shot over a short right hand punch which Paduano caught on his gloves. After Griffith had let the punch go, something happened to his shoulder and to finish the round Griffith held his right hand just above the waist.

In round two the former world champion continued to force the pace, using his left hand to keep his younger opponent backing off. Stiff jabs to Paduano's head, left hooks to his body, the Montreal boxer had little time to get set for any boxing.

Griffith was making Paduano fight his kind of fight. As the fight progressed it turned into strictly a boxing match, forcing Paduano to make wrong moves, Griffith did a superb job of taking complete control of the action, his left hand was a nightmare for Paduano.

In the seventh round the continual jabbing of Griffith opened up a small cut over the Montreal boxer's left eye to add to his woes. With time running out, Paduano did try to exchange a few flurries with the former champion who was pacing himself at this point in fight. Fine defensive boxing, fine hooks to the head and body kept Griffith away from any danger frol the fast flurry of punches by Paduano.

At the bell for the last round, Griffith had the fight well in hand, despite the pressure applied by Paduano. Griffith, showing real class, stayed with boxing to the final bell. The judges called it 48-46, 48-46 and 50-44, all in favor of Griffith who at the conclusion of the fast fought bout never had a mark on him. A tribute to his skillful boxing.

In the semi-final, Joey Durelle (Sorel) 165½, a real ring veteran at the age of thirty-six, still had enough stamina and ring experience to catch the eye of the officials who handed him a draw after a hard, clean fight with Fernand Marcotte (Quebec) 155. Marcotte had it all over his opponent for speed and punching and Durelle for most of the ten rounds was forced to take defensive action. At the end of five rounds the pattern of the fight stayed the same, Marcotte, forcing the action, throwing fast punches, Durelle backing off, doing a fine job of catching many of the punches thrown in his direction on his gloves and arms. In round seven the crowd was stirred to action when Durelle brought them to their feet with a thirty second rally, it showed his younger opponent that the old warrior was still a force to be reckoned with.

Once again in the ninth round, Durelle let loose with another flurry of punches, a couple of which still carried power and forced Marcotte to retreat. Intent on staying the distance, Durelle in the final round let Marcotte force the action. For the full three minutes, Marcotte made desperate efforts to nail Durelle with one punch that would set him up.

Durelle, too ringwise to be suckered in, protected himself well and was tired but on his feet at the final bell. The decision handed down by the officials was a surprise. The great defensive job that Durelle showed through the entire fight had to be the factor that influenced the officals. Durelle may have had an early Christmas present but there was not one fan present that figured he had not earned it.

A real mini-war was staged between Barry Sponagle, New Glasgow, 139½, and Paul Collette, Montreal, 132¾, with Sponagle winning the decision for the second time over the Montreal fighter. The win for Sponagle makes him the first in line for a Canadian lightweight title fight against Johnny Summerhays (Brantford) the present title holder. It did not take Sponagle long with his short clean punches and hard hooks to the body to have his opponent in trouble. Collette returned to his corner at the bell to end the initial round with a bad cut over his right eye. Sponagle kept up the pressure at the start of the second round, kept in close and scored well with his short, crisp punching. At the end of the fourth round, Collette, although his cornermen had done a fine job on his eye was making very little headway against the fine boxing of Sponagle.

Just before the bell to end the fifth round, a combination punch and elbow landed by Collette cut Sponagle's left eye, the tide of battle had turned. Collette really turned it on for the next two rounds but was wild with many of his punches and was rocked back on his heels when Sponagle stepped inside the wild blows. Although both fighters were cut above the eye, it was Sponagle who did the best job of preventing any further damage to his eye. A short right to the chin by Sponagle dropped Collette briefly in the ninth but he wisely took the eight count. The final round saw both men going at it from bell to bell, the crowd was on its feet clapping and cheering a full sixty seconds before the final bell was heard.

The best fight of the night was marred by the decision handed down, two officials called it 49-44 and 48-44 for Sponagle, the third official who was just not with it handed down a card reading 47-46 for Collette.

It was a pity to see just how much Marshall Butler (Hull) had declined in the past year. Winner of the Boxer of the Year Award in Canada in 1972, Butler had a bright future. He made a bad error in judgment when he decided to move from Montreal and sever his connections there.

In a return fight with Marc Gervais, Montreal, 151½, Butler, 148½, was a loser by a unanimous decision. In the opening round, the quick action feet, the fast reflex actions and the twinkle in Butler's eyes were no longer in evidence. Taking part in his first contest in more than six months the former Montreal boxer was sluggish and his timing was away off. On the other hand Gervais who has improved since his first meeting with Butler was content to bide his time and capitalize on the poor timing of his opponent's punches. A stinging right hand punch to the jaw by Gervais midway through the second round caught Butler on the way in, it set him back on his heels and he was forced to crouch low, duck and weave until the cobwebs cleared from his head. After the round had ended there was never any doubt as to the outcome of the fight, the sting and zip had gone out of Butler and at the midway point of the fight he was a very tired fighter. Gervais boxing cautiously continued to pile up points, as the fight progressed he gained more control and was rocking his opponent with some stiff blows to the face and head. In the final round, Butler was forced from pillar to post by the now aggressive Gervais who was throwing heavy punches at will.

Twice Butler was down from combination punches and pushes, he was dead tired and out on his feet. What a relief for him when the bell finally sounded to end the bout. The decision in favor of Gervais was just a mere formality. It was a sad and dejected Marshall Butler who left the ring.

There is nothing wrong with Butler's boxing. He still has all the style and moves, the writer hopes that he has learned that boxing is a business. The assets of a fighter — his whole stock in trade — consists of his body. If it is superbly healthy at the start and if it coordinates he has the foundation for a prosperous business. So long as he keeps his body fit and primed for action, then just so long can he continue successfully in the ring.

▲**Toronto** — To keep the records clear the writer would like to point out that the fight card reported by Verne Stevenson in the December issue of this magazine did not take place in Ottawa. It took place in Hull, Que., an unlicensed and a noncommissioned area. Had the fights taken place in Ottawa then they would have come under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Athletic Commission.

RODRIGUEZ OVER FRYMAN IN NEW ENGLAND DROUGHT

By DON HAMILL

Only two shows in New England recently. Sam Silverman's annual Christmas show in Boston Garden graced with some of the best prospects that New England has seen in years failed to bring out the fans and only 1400 people rattled around in the gigantic arena.

Waterbury Armoy — Pablo Rodiguez, 145, Holyoke, blasted out what appeared to be a lopsided six round decision over Danny Fryman, 140, Lowell, but one of the officials voted for a draw. Rodriguez scored with good combinations and had Fryman hurt several times.

Ricardo Camaro, 132, Taunton, was held to a six round split decision over Nelson Alvardo, 130, Lawrence, in a light punching, fast moving six round semi-final.

Vinnie DeBarros, 137, Waterbury, scored a first round knockout over Joey Houston, 143, Lowell. DeBarros looks very good at this point.

Bobby Walker, 180, Somers, and Stamford, won a unanimous six round decision over Kenny Jones, 176, New Haven, in a hard punching thriller. Jesse Bender, 152, Somers, spoiled the pro debut of Bruce Huckaby, 152, Hartford, by stopping him in two rounds. It was Bender's sixth win in as many pro bouts.

▲ **Boston Garden** — Tony Petronelli, 139, East Bridgewater, scored a sixth round knockout over journeyman, Johny Copeland, 138, Joplin, Mo., to successfully defend his North American Junior Welterweight Title.

In almost every round Copeland was jolted with hard punches but was in no serious trouble until the sixth session. He had been content to score with occasional punches but worked up no sustained attack, until the final heat. In that round Copeland came out blazing and scored with a fusilade. Petronelli weathered the storm and forced Copeland into a corner where he belabored him and set him up for the kayo scored with a pair of left hooks a few seconds later.

Marvin Hagler, 159, Brockton, scored a second round KO over game D. C. Walker, 157, Somers, who was dropped for the count with a hard left under the ribs. Walker was unable to get his wind back and Referee Billy Connolly counted him out. Ricky Wynn, 214, Norton, survived a brief attack by Wild Bill Hardney, and then kayoed him hard head blows. Paul Poirier, 159, New Bedford, looked great kayoing Jesse Bender, 157, Somers, in two rounds. It has been a fairly even bout until Bender was shaken with a left hook. Poirier never gave him the opportunity to recover and dropped him under the ropes where he was counted out. Paul Osborne, 157, Burlington, Mass., eked out a close unanimous decision over Chris Pina, 158, Norfolk. Osborne had to come off the floor in the second round. Condition proved to be the winning factor. Dornell Wigfall, 159, Brockton, halted Kenny Jones, 160, New Haven, who was spilled at the end of round two and was unable to come out for round three.

In the above Waterbury show Connecticut used judges for the first time. In the past the referee has been the lone arbiter. Three judges rotated between bouts each taking his turn at judging. . .Manny Aronis, Chairman of the Massachusetts Boxing Commission, was reappointed by Gov. Francis Sargeant. Manny dan always be counted on to be in attendance at the boxing shows around the state, reminiscent of Judge Landis, whom he was commissioner of baseball. . .January will bring the Golden Gloves in various sites in New England with the champions in each city competing later in the month in Lowell. . .Competing in a smoker in Portland, Me. Jimmy McDermott, formerly of Portland and now of Holyoke, iced his old rival, Pete Riccotelli, Portland.

AUSSIE STAR THOMPSON LOSES IN TORN CARTILAGES

By RAY MITCHELL

Australian and Commonwealth junior-welterweight champion Hector Thompson, 138, lost a fight by an unfortunate accident — he turned a cartilage in his knee in the second round of his bout with Luis Ayala.

Thompson clearly won the first round but after tearing his cartilage he was at a distinct disadvantage. Naturally, Ayala took advantage of the circumstances and he caned Thompson in that second heat.

Thompson should not be dropped from his position in world ratings because of this loss. Ayala sportingly said he would fight Thompson again. Judge on the return bout.

Last month I reported that Australian lightweight champion Colin Cassidy lost his title on the scales when he failed to make the limit in a bout with Martin Beni. That left the title vacant.

Beni knocked out Cassidy but the division still was left without a ruler. Martin Beni automatically became the leading candidate for a vacant title tilt. Hector Thompson, who made lightweight recently to thrash Jimmy Heair, stepped aside — he has enough titles, except for the big one, the world, he said.

▲Then Marrickville R.S.L. Club paired Matt Ropis and Milton Cooper over twelve rounds and billed it for the vacant lightweight championship of Australia! What a joke$

Ropis was rated number seven by the Australian Boxing Federation. Cooper was unranked because of inactivity — he hadn't fought for 13 months.

The only title this bout could resolve was the lightweight championship of Marrickville R.S.L. Club!

Ropis, 134½, stopped Cooper, 133½, at the end of the ninth round when Cooper's corner withdrew him because of a badly cut eye. At that time Ropis was well ahead; he had enough points in hand to outfit a porcupine. At least he could have sat out one round, and still been in front.

Cooper boxed like a man who had not fought for 13 months. He went well, considering, and he certainly did not shrink any issue. He will do better after a couple more bouts.

Ropis decked Cooper with a spanking right to the jaw in the ninth round. Date was Dec. 5.

Tommy James, 123, came from behind to edge Steve Gossen, 128½, in the eight-round support. Gossen still has balance trouble. He falls nearly every fight — and I mean falls; he seldom gets decked by a punch.

The six between Shocker Myles, 145, and Eric King, 146, was a good one, with each taking a count. Myles came from behind to snatch a points win.

It was annual awards night by Channel 7's TV Ringside (promoted in conjunction with Stadiums Ltd) at Melbourne's Southern Cross Hotel, the last Stadiums Ltd promotion of 1974. Audience consisted of men only, and it was a dinner suit job, even the referees being so attired. The TV Boxer Of The Year Award went to Hector Thompson — who else? He undoubtedly was Australia's boxer of the year, TV or not TV (to paraphrase Shakespeare).

Most Successful Trainer Award, arrived at on a percentage of winners basis, was young Mike Kapnopolous. Most Improved Boxer Award went to Dave Richards.Best Prospect Award was given to Jimmy Brown. Best TV Fight Award went to Darryl Carrick and Wayne Dunn for their fight early in the year.

I couldn't go along with the Best Fight award because it was too one-sided. Carrick was far superior. Now if the award was for the most courageous performance, Wayne Dunn probably would win it for this fight.

There certainly were many better fights not shown on TV.

Headlining the program on this awards night was a ten between Australian and Commonwealth bantam champion Paul Ferreri, 119½, and Irishman Paddy Graham, 119¾.

Ferreri gave the best display of his career in outclassing Graham. He not only out-boxed Graham — which was to be expected — he also out-fought him. Must have been heartbreaking to Paddy but he is an Irishman all the way through; he just didn't lose a round.

Dally Law, 139, and Dave Richards, 135, contested an exciting six-round main support that drew a shower of coins from ringsiders Referee Al Basten called it a draw. He was in there with them. From outside Law appeared to edge it but who is to argue with the man moving with the fight, when the points are close?

▲ Australian light-heavyweight champion Steve Aczel, 176½, brought his professional tally to eight KO wins in nine bouts (unbeaten) by getting rid of Kim Miller, 175, in the third round.

In fairness to Miller, he accepted at short notice when Tommy Mears withdrew, and it was Kim's first fight for six months. But even at best, Miller would be a little out of his depth. Bout was held at Blacktown R.SL. Club.

Former British amateur Johnny Clack, 171, who came to Australia in February, made his pro debut on November 21 at Blacktown RSL, and was impressive in halting Aussie Ted Gray, 173, in the fifth round. In another ten on the bill Brian Clout, 125, outpointed Willie Leslie, 126½.

▲Same venue one week later Brian Clout, 118, defended his N.S.W. State bantam title against Commonwealth and Australian flyweight champion Big Jim West, 118. Bout ended in the sixth round when Clout was forced out with a cut eye. At that time Brian held a points lead. In an eight-rounder on the same card former amateur champion Jimmy Boyle, 126½, halted Keith Ball, 126, in the seventh round.

It pays to see all the fights, but of course that's impossible.

It's a safe bet that if you miss one fight something will happen that makes you wish you'd seen it. Could be a great fight or a controversial one. The latter is what happened at Cardiff Workers Club, December 10. Binky Rominski, and Kim McCain, met in the main. Rominski was disqualified by referee Jackie Green for hitting McCain when he was down. That was the official verdict but I've heard two stories about the circumstances, the actions that led to the breach and the actual breach itself. First the promoter phoned me (it's a trunk call).

Half an hour later Rominski himself phoned me (also a trunk call) and he told a different story. Not having been present, I do not know which story is correct but ave to state that the promoter has never lied to me. Also have to state that I have refereed Rominski in 24 of his 42 contests, and at no time did he fight dirty in any of those 24 bouts I refereed.

I said to Binky: "I can't recall ever warning you." Rominski replied: "Yes, you did warn me once." Binky is honest.

Apparently there was some rought stuff too in the eight-round support between Peter Luzinski, 8.8, and Charlie Brown, 8.7. Very good fight, so I was told, and it resulted in a split draw, with ref carding it even, the judges going one each way.

▲Bright young bantam Brian Roberts, 120, held off aggresive Dennis Talbot, 119½, to take a comfortable points decision over ten at Marrickville R.S.L. Club, Nov. 13. In an eight Alan Hedger, 130½, drew with Tommy James, 126. And here's one for the books: Promoter Roy Carroll, on the afternoon of the fight, phoned Joe Giometti's gym seeking a lightweight for a four-rounder. Joe's off-sider Terry McCassidy answered the phone and accepted the fight for himself. He'd had one fight in his life, an amateur bout. He reported to Carroll that night and boxed under the name Terry Tame.

He had a very strenuous night but won by KO in the last round. He got into trouble from Joe Giometti who told him if he fought again he could leave the gym. You see, Terry (Tame) McCassidy, made his pro debut this night at the age of 44!

▲It was a good night, an outstanding night, at South Sydney Junior Leagues Club, Kingsford, November 13, with every one of the five bouts on the card being high class. In the main-event Mark Duffy, 141, gained a unanimous points decision over N.S.W. State junior-welter champion Jade Emerald, 141. Received a shower from ringsiders — and watch your welter Ray Ryan. This night he had his third pro fight and won by KO. You'll hear more of him. Joey Collins, 138, outpointed Ross Eadie, 139, in a grand sixer.

▲One week later, at the same venue, Dally Law, 144, and Eddie Buttons, 142, staged one of the best fights of the year at this club. As ref I carded it even, but judges Ian Brown and Dick Kerr each saw it one point Law's way.

The N.S.W. southern town Bega opened for boxing for the first time in many years when Mick Driscoll promoted at the local RSL Club on November 22, with yours truly reffing all bouts. One of the two eight-round headliners was a beauty. Sid Dumbrell, 147, outpointed Joey Collins, 140½. Margin was seven points (80-73) but Collins pushed Dumbrell right out. The boys received a shower amounting to $42. In the other eight Reno Zurik, 178, halted Bob Terry, 185, in the seventh round. Terry withdrew at corners with a closed eye. Zurik was well ahead on points.

▲Back to the Juniors, Kingsford, the last night of 1974 at this club, and the year finished on a good note from the fans' viewpoint. In the main event Dally Law, 140, outpointed Jade Emerald, 143, and the bout was showered. My card showed a two-point margin, one judge had a one-point while the other had three points the diff. Emerald believed he deserved the decision but he evidently didn't realize he had been hit more times that he hit Law. A re-match is likely early in 1975. There was a cracker six-rounder between Robbie Williams, 133, and Harry Fitzpatrick, 128. Split vote to Williams, my card being the dissenting one — a draw.

▲Joey Collins, 138, and Ross Eadie, 140, staged one of the best fights of the year when they tangled in the main-event eight at Manly-Warringah Leagues Club, Brookvale. As ref I couldn't split them. There wasn't a spit between them at the finish and never more than one point variation at any stage. Big shower.

▲The same club hosted a great six-rounder between Robbie Williams, 129, and Harry Fitzpatrick, 124, two weeks later. Shame to split two boys in a fight but Williams had one point in hand at the finish so that's how I gave it. Be a good main at this club in 1975. In the main-event this night Eric King, 146, halted Maxie Milan, 143, in the thired round. Milan was decked near the end of the first frame and was stood stock still, out on his feet, in the third when I leaped in to prevent another punch. King was on form this night to bring his tally to two wins, two losses against Milan.

▲At Blacktown R.S.L. Club, Dec. 5, southpaw Jeff Malcolm, 130, proved what Brian Clout had shown a few months ago. That is that to beat rangy Mick O'Brien, 130, you have to hit him in the belly. Malcolm decked O'Brien three times with body punches and Jimmy Carruthers stopped the fight in the fifth round. In another ten on the card Willie Leslie, 127, outpointed Wayne Wallace, 122. Willie now has completed his second mortgage on Wayne, having beaten him six times in their seven meeting, the other bout being a draw. All their bouts were good ones. Wallace has been in so many serials he could be an advertisement for a breakfast food! For example, he fought Steve Bell seven times, Steve Johnson six times, Big Jim West five times, Steve Walker four times. Come on Steve!

▲Last two results this month: At Cronulla Labor & Workingman's Club, Alex Laurin, 159, outpointed Frank Taylor, 153, by a big margin over eight rounds. At Riverwood Legion Club, Dec. 4, Alex Burns knocked out Ritchie Brown in the ninth round of a welter bout.

SCRANTON SEES ROSSMAN STOP RICHARDSON IN 3

By JIM LEO

Scranton, Pa. — Unbeaten Mike Rossman, 161, of Turnersville, N.J., scored his 18th victory, as he halted veteran Harold Richardson, 162, of New York, at 1:09 of the third of a scheduled 10 rounder. The 19-year-old Rossman caught the New Yorker with a left hook, and a straight right in the third dropping him for the eight count.

On Harold's arising, in a wobbly stage, referee Joe Salci called a halt. Rossman, a good looking prospect, is managed by his dad, Jimmy Deliano. The scheduled eight round semi-final lasted only 2:47.

Larry Holmes, 208, of Easton, Pa., racked up his ninth win in a row halting Joe Hathaway, 200, of Atlantic City. Hathaway, claimed an eye injury, forcing the stoppage.

In a six rounder, Bobby Adams, 144, Glassboro, N.J., stopped Jimmy Phoenix, 146, Philadelphia, after 43 seconds of the fourth round. It was a war, and the referee stopped it with Phoenix staggering across the ring.

In another six rounder, Genaro Leon, 145, of Puerto Rico, scored a decision over Prince Nikita Tarohocker, 147, of Nigeria.

In the slugging four round opener, Jeff Ward, 220, of Endicott, N.Y. got the win over Dominic "Mickey" Grandinetti, 250, of Tunkhannock, Pa.

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OLD BROADWAY

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gladiator of his day and engaged in many memorable battles with champions. His most memorable setto was with Ruby Goldstein in the Polo Grounds, a six round affair with both men receiving more than $20,000 apiece. They were pals and brought up together on the East Side. The fight was a short one. Terris was knocked down quickly and when he arose he stunned the crowd by putting Ruby, the "Jewel of the Ghetto", down for the full count.

Terris engaged in 107 pro bouts, in which he scored 85 victories lost 12 and drew 4. His manager was Danny Caplin, whose brother Hymie was to pilot a number of champions in his own right. As an amateur, Sid registered 50 consecutive victories within a space of ten months. He won the New York State, Metropolitan, National and International championships.

Terris was 70 years old. He was ranked next to the immortal Benny Leonard and Barney Ross as the great products produced on the East Side, along with Ruby Goldstein. Other stars Terris competed against were—Jimmy McLarnin, Andy Chaney, Eddie 'Kid' Wagner, Benny Valger, Luis Vicentini, Jimmy Goodrich, Sammy Mandell, Rocky Kansas, Johnny Dundee, Ace Hudkins, Harry 'Kid' Brown, Jack Bernstein, Billy Petrolle, Billy Wallace, Babe Herman, Ray Miller, Phil McGraw and Stanislaus Loayza.

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Received a call from Tony Carione, popular Long Island manager of Vito Antuofermo, one of the bright prospects among the middleweights, that he has taken another warrior under his wing. He is the Italian born Dominick Monaco, a lightweight, 23 years old, who started his pro career a year and a half ago. The new Carione warrior won his first bout under his new manager when he registered an eight round win in Scranton over Billy Bell of Washington, D.C., during which he had his man down twice.

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We doubt if many fighters had a more colorful career than Passaic's Battling Odin. Run into him often at the VBA affairs. His full name is Odin Dudrich and he's now 70 years old. He was recently inducted into the Adrian Bailey New Jersey Hall of Fame at Diamond Jim's at Matawan, N.J.

Odin had quite a career. He remembers winning and losing a fight the same night at the Jamaica Arena. He was fouled by Joe Schlockler, a California gladiator, in the first round and was awarded the bout. To save the show, it was a ten spot, Odin consented to start all over again, the scrap went the distance and Odin lost the duke.

The happy-go-lucky Skeeter started his fistic fireworks as a lightweight and when his career ended he was a full-fledged middleweight. Odin also recalls a 13 or 14 second knockout scored over a chap named Archie Senville, at the Capitol Theatre. All-told Odin, who battled from 1921 to 1929, engaged in 64 settos. Believe it or not, he was sixteen when he fought his first pro scrap.

Odin is in the commercial art and sign business.

NAPOLES STOPS SALDANO IN 3, PROMOTERS SAD

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Mexico, D.F. — Jose Angel "Mantequilla" Napoles, 146, retained world welterweight championship by stopping Horacio Saldano, 144, of Argentina, in the third round. It was an easy job for the champion.

Mario Guilloti, 147, of Argentina, halted Arturo "Mulato" Zuniga, 147, in 7. Mario Roman, 137, TKO'ed Alfredo Escalera, 132, of Puerto Rico, in two. Jesus "Mortero" Alonso, 135, embalmed Hugo Gutierrez, 134, Argentina, in five. Benicio Sosa, 117, Argentina, nailed Martin Corona, 118, in 3. Emeterio Villanueva, 162, TKO'ed Hugo Saavedra, 162, Argentina, in 9. The promoters of the boxing show, staged in the Palacio de los Deportes, lost $80,000.

▲**Minatitlan, Veracruz** — "Costenito" Mendoza, 112, gained a victory over Omar Quiroz, 112, in twelve rounds and became new flyweight king of Veracruz State. Quiroz died two days later due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Valente Vera, 125, and Manuel Abedoy, 125, drew in 12. Vera retained featherweight title of Baja California State. Adelaido Galindo, 111, iced Santos "Cora" Rodriguez, 112, in one.

▲**Poza Rica, Veracruz** — Raul Cruz, 130, lost to Sixto Castillo, 129, in ten. Aristeo Lopez, 124, destroyed Raul Garcia, 124, in the very first round.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Alejandro Flores, 125, KO'ed Guillermo Becerra, 125, in 9. "Zurdo" Cortes, 124, TKO'ed Tono Pina, 124, in nine.

▲**Guadalajara, Jalisco** — Macario Jimenez, 117, bested Felipe Jiminez, 117, in ten. Fernando Martinez, 121, TKO'ed Alfredo Carranza, 121, in 8.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Antonio Leon, 117, won by a disqualification over Alberto Cabanig, 116, of Philippines, in five. "Chamaco" Casanova, 124, knocked out Tomas Frias, 125, in two. Memo Cruz, 121, kayoed Enrique Maxwell, 122, of Panama, in 3. Memo Hernandez, 116, TKO'ed Ernesto Davies, 116, in 6. Memo Ortiz, 117, KO'ed Juan Manuel "Negro" Perez, 118, in 2.

▲**Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua** — Rafael "Bazooka" Limon, 125, stopped Edel Borunda, 125, in 3. Eliseo Cosme, 119, halted Jose Luis Navarrete, 116, in 3. Jose Luis Hernandez, 115, decisioned Ernesto Garcia, 116, in ten.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Jorge Padron, 114, beat Roberto Alvarez, 113, in ten.

▲**Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua** — Jorge Carrasco, 119, embalmed Earl Large, 119, of USA, in two.

▲**Campeche** — Manuel "Melin" Castillo, 120, stopped Ray Salazar, 122, in 2.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Jesus "Tauro" Hernandez, 124, won over Chucho Hernandez, 124, in ten. Martin Valencia, 112, TKO'ed Juan Granados, 111, in 3. Ruben Vega, 120, disposed of Mauro Gonzalez, 121, in two. Maximo Rangel, 119, polished off Isidro "Arabe" Ocampo, 118, in 2.

▲**Matamoros, Tamulipas** — Rogelio Lara, 118, bested Jesus "Chuy" Rocha, 117, in ten.

▲**Tijuana, Baja California** — Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 126, decisioned Art Caffey, 125, in 10. Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 120, outpointed Jose Luis Soto, 119, in ten.

▲**Acapulco, Guerrero** — Raul Tirado, 117, TKO'ed Emilio "Zurdo" Palacios, 117, in seven. Mario Gatica, 111, iced Al Castro, 113, in one. Gerardo Flores, 124, nailed Margarito Cardona, 125, in 2.

▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Rafel "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 117, defeated Gaby Morgan, 116, in ten. Manny Gonzalez, 117, whipped Paco Mendoza, 117, in 10.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Sergio Lozano, 147, TKO'ed Jose Figueroa, 145, in 3. Arturo Delgado, 111, lost to Salvador "Chino" Martinez, 112, in ten. Lupe Pintor, 112, KO'ed Juan "Monito" Diaz, 111, in two. Jose Flores, 117, halted Panchito Calderon, 115, in five. Sergio Martinez, 112, defeated Heliodoro Chavez, 111, in four.

▲**Apatrzingan, Michoacan** — Pedro Martinez, 126, halted Martin Lopez, 126, in 3.

▲**Guasave, Sinaloa** — Manuel "Cochul" Montiel, 112, outscored Nacho Beltran, 112, in ten. Jose Luis Soberanes, 134, kayoed Ruperto "Indio" Perez, 135, in two.

▲**Torreon, Coahuila** — Gustavo Garcia, 146, won over "Pantera" Ramirez, 145, in 10.

▲**Zacatecas** — "Zorrita" Yepez, 124, bested Lupe Cruz, 125, in ten. Chucho Aparicio, 117, outpointed Ramon Perez, 117, in ten.

▲**La Paz, Baja California** — Carlos Mendoza, 119, of Panama, polished off Lupe Romero, 118, in one. Jose Villacana, 122, iced Librado Cortes, 122, in 1. Enrique Torres, 115, halted Adolfo Campos.

▲**Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas** — Ney Gordillo, 124, KO'ed Urbano Davila, 125, in two. Pedro Miranda, 120, knocked out Rafael Martinez, 120, in 5. Omeli Gonzalez, 112, stopped Alberto Lozada, 111, in 6.

▲**Torreon, Coahuila** — "Chamaco" Cazares, 114, decisioned Lorenzo "Halimi" Gutierrez, 114, in ten. Vicente Mijares, 117, outscored Jose Luis Hernandez, 117, in 10. Rocky Mijares, 112, KO'ed Lupe Garcia, 113, in six.

▲**Aguascalientes** — Jorge "Alacrancito" Torres, 124, embalmed Felipe "Cachorro" Ursua, 125, in two. Pedro Martinez, 120, whipped Babe San Martin, 118, in ten.

▲**Campeche** — Adolfo Sanjeado, 134, kayoed Fermin Fajardo, 133, in the beginning round.

NEEDHAM WHIPS MAGUIRE FOR BRITISH BANTAM TITLE

By RON OLVER

Nottingham, England — Suffering from toothache for the whole of the fight, and handicapped by cuts over the right eye and on the nose, local favorite David Needham, 116½, overcame the non-stop aggression of Paddy Maguire, Belfast, 116¼, and won the vacant British bantamweight title by the decisive margin of 147½-146 over 15 hectic rounds.

It was a great fight that contained all the right ingredients, skill, all-action, excitement, and a willingness by both men to work from first bell to last. They both wanted this title, and how they fought to achieve their aim.

A pity there couldn't be two winners, but Needham deserved his victory, and for him it was a dream come true.

Back in 1965 David's manager Johnny Pritchett won the British middleweight title in the same ring. David was then in his early teens, couldn't afford a ticket for the fight, so got a job carrying the boards which denote which round was coming up, in order to see Johnny's victory.

Now it was Johnny's turn to be proud as he stood in the ring and helped to fasten the Lonsdale Belt around Needham's waist.

Some of the best fights in recent years have been in the bantam division. Those two epics between Alan Rudkin and Johnny Clark, then Clark and Maguire, and now Maguire and Needham.

After so many disappointments for the fans when the big men meet, you can always rely on the little men to provide a contest which the cash customers will really enjoy, and which will boost British boxing.

I think southpaw Needham, now 23, will prove a worthy successor to Rudkin and Clark. He has the brashness of Muhammad Ali, and just like Ali he has the skill and determination to back it up.

Maguire adopted exactly the same plan against Needham as he did against Clark, namely, to take the fight to his opponent and keep up a non-stop attack, hoping to wear his man down and force him on the defensive so that he would have no time to box to his own plan.

But Needham never wavered as Maguire came forward. Whether he backed or stood his ground he was able to pump right jabs into his opponent's face as Paddy shunned defense, and the latter's face soon showed the accuracy of Needham's punching.

In the sixth round Needham came out of a clinch with blood trickling from a cut on his right eyebrow. This inspired Maguire to an even greater all-out effort, and David had to survive a hectic couple of rounds with Maguire coming in throwing punches from both hands. He seemed to be all gloves, head and elbows, but David kept cool under pressure and then proceeded to step up the tempo, which told Paddy that his effort had failed.

But there was no lessening in the Irishman's endeavours, and Needham needed all his skill and ringcraft to keep his opponent at bay. This he did by jabbing his right to the face time and time again, with Maguire not bothering to try and evade these punches, then crossing his left to the same target.

In the thirteenth Needham's eye injuries worsened, and at the end of that round referee Harry Gibbs went to David's corner to examine the extent of the injuries.

However, he allowed the fight to proceed, and Needham put in a storming finish to clinch the issue.

It was Needham's 23rd bout, and he has won them all. Inactive for the past eight months, and having never before had to box more than 12 rounds, David's performance was most impressive.

All credit to Maguire for trying to win in the only way he knew how, but Needham refused to be outpunched or outmaneuvered. A memorable scrap revealing so much stamina on both sides that it was a credit to those responsible for their training. They were both superbly fit.

Referee Gibbs echoed everyone's opinion afterwards when he said "It was a terrific fight."

New British light-middleweight champion Maurice Hope, Hackney, 154¾, stopped American Cubby "Top Cat" Jackson, 157¼, in seven. Referee Frank Parkes intervening to save him from unnecessary punishment.

Jackson didn't agree, and stamped around the ring to show his disapproval, but although never off his feet was being freely punished. Hope was able to pick his spot, and his combination punching was deadly.

Fine performance by Jeff Gale, Leeds, 141, who outpointed former British welter champ Bobby Arthur, Coventry, 148, over eight by 79-78½.

It was Arthur's first bout for over a year, and Gale kept up an incessant attack, with Arthur content to go backwards and counter. Gale had a fine sixth round, with Arthur in a little trouble.

Arthur didn't agree with the verdict, but it looked a fair one.

Tony Poole, Kettering, 149, knocked out Jim Devanney, Bradford, in two. A right to the jaw did the trick.

Dave Green, Chatteris, 144¾, kayoed Yotham Kunda, Swansea, 145, also in two. A right to the jaw put Kunda on the canvas, face down, with no chance of beating the count.

ACTION IN EUROPE

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▲**Riccione** — Heavyweight. Alfio outscored Romano Peviani, six.

▲**Palermo** — Junior middleweight. Antenio Castellini beat Angel Ortiz, TKO7. Lightweight. Franco Diana and Renzo Battistelli, drew their eight rounder.

▲**Milan** — Light heavyweight. Aldo Traversaro and Willie Taylor, USA, drew their eight rounder.

▲**Pordenone** — Ambrogio Mariani retained his Italian bantamweight crown outpointing Franco Petrozzi, twelve.

▲**Pesaro** — Junior middleweight. Damiano Lassandro outscored Vasco Armstrong, eight.

▲**Milan** — Junior lightweight. Antonio Puddu beat Franco Diana, TKO5.

▲**Marsala** — Giavanni Girgenti outscored Natale Vezzoli over twelve rounds to retain his Italian junior lightweight title.

▲**Milan** — Flyweight. Franco Udella beat Willie Pastrana, TKO4. Welterweight. Mimoun Mohatar decisioned Luciano Borrachia, eight. Giuseppi Russi outpointed Tony Navarro, TKO2.

FRANCE

▲**Paris** — Welterweight. Georges Warusfel outscored Luciano Laffranchi, eight. Lightweight. Georges Cotin outpointed Ali Issaoui, eight.

▲**Perigeux** — Junior middleweight. Joe Bonnetaz beat Adriano Rodriguez, TKO8.

▲**Paris** — Britain Ken Buchanan retained his European lightweight title beating Frenchman Leonard Tavarez, the towel being thrown in during round fourteen. Nessim Max Cohen beat Jean Claude Bouttier in round eleven to win the vacant French middleweight title. They met five years ago and boxed a draw. A right decked Bouttier in round eleven but he was up quickly and the third man took his count to eight. A left hook put Bouttier to the canvas again and this time, on rising, the referee called a halt. Cohen went to the canvas in round three. Lightweight. Jean Baptiste Piedvache, France, beat Ugo di Pietro, Italy, the latter retiring after being decked in round four. Middleweight. Wolfgang Gans, Germany, drew his eight rounder with Jules Bellaiche, France.

▲**Maromme** — Bantamweight. Daniel Trioulaire outpointed Isidore LaNarbera, ten.

▲**Calais** — Light heavyweight. Yannick Dufour kayoed Bele Apolosa in the second round.

▲**Darental** — Middleweight. Joel LeGuern beat Jose Ademida, TKO2.

▲**Grenoble** — Welterweight. Gilbert Orsaldo outscored Fernand Gomar, eight.

▲**Courbevoie** — Bantamweight. Jacky Bihin beat Jean Pierre Hainault, TKO6.

▲**Annecy** — Welterweight. Yves Lefferand outscored Guasaldo Fernandez, eight. Gilbert Orsildo beat Rocco Zecca, TKO2.

▲**Paris** — Jean Claude Varusfel retained his French junior middleweight title outpointing Vincent Parra, twelve. Middleweight. Jules Bellaiche, France, outscored Gerard Cola, eight. Loucif Hamani beat Alfredo Noveiras, TKO1. Joseph Rodriguez outscored Robert Mathieu, six. Heavyweight. Lucien Rodriguez beat Jean Belval, KO1.

▲**St. Nazaire** — Germain LeMaitre held on to his French welterweight title outscoring Jacques van Mellaerts, twelve. Lightweight. Georges Colin beat Roland Cazeaux who retired with a cut eye in round four. Featherweight. Ernisto Miranda beat Isidore LaBarbera who also collected a cut eye and retired in the seventh.

▲**Villeurbanne** — Daniel Vermandere retained his French featherweight title drawing his twelve rounder with Albert Amatler. From ten defenses Vermandere has won eight and drawn two. Lightweight. Jean Saadli outpointed Miguel Araujo, ten.

▲**Susles Bois** — Welterweight. George Perrot beat Antonio Ramos, KO2.

BELGIUM

▲**Ghent** — Light heavyweight. Freddy DeKerpel outscored Jean Claude Capitolin, ten. Welterweight. James Vrij beat Fred Roelands, KO5. Middleweight. Phylo Bandu decisioned Daniel Letartre, eight.

▲**Eupen** — Light heavyweight. Christian Mossoux and Hans Dieter Schwartz drew a ten rounder. Heavyweight. Armand Xhonneux decisioned Herbert Wick, eight.

AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna** — Five thousand saw Jose Duran, Spain, make a successful defense of his European junior middleweight title outpointing Franz Csandl, Austria, over fifteen rounds. The Austrian was a worthy challenger and surprised most by staying the course. He was decked in round fourteen but recovered to fight back strongly in the final heat.

▲**Loeken** — Lothar Abend, Germany, beat Herbert Trausmuth, KO3. Klaus Jacobi, Germany, beat Bong Park, Korea, KO8.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Geneva** — Welterweight. Kevin White, Britain, beat Max Hebeisen, Switzerland, the towel being thrown in during round six after the local fighter had been decked twice. White, whose left eye had been cut in the third, also visited the canvas in frame five. Hebeisen, who has lost only two of his 38 bouts, is the official challenger for John Stracey's European welterweight title. Light heavyweight. Eric Nussbaum, Switzerland, beat Bob Tuckett, Britain, KO8.

▲**Zurich** — The usual 'Boxing Day' show was staged as every year in Switzerland. This time it took place in Zurich and a crowd of nearly three thousand were in attendance. In the main event Scotland's John McClusky, making his fifth appearance in Zurich, lost to Heleno Ferreira (31), Brazil, failing to answer the bell for round eight. Welterweight. Eddie Blay, Ghana, beat Walter Blaser, Switzerland, in nine rounds. The local boy bleeding from a cut eye was decked in round four and after taking a standing count in frame nine the third man called a halt.

SPAIN

▲**Almeria** — Bantamweight. Jose Bisbal and Antonio Donoso drew their eight frame bout.

▲**Tenerife** — Featherweight. Heleno Ferreira beat Ramon Marichal, TKO6.

▲**Mataro** — Bantamweight. Pedro Pinto II beat Kid Figaro, TKO5. Lightweight. Julio Rubio decisioned Francisco Santaengracia, eight.

▲**Bilboa** — Fernando Sanchez, held on to his Spanish junior welterweight title outscoring Horacio Ruiz, twelve. Lightweight. Miguel Molleda and Bossi Gonzalez drew their eight rounder. Light. Miguel Velazquez decisioned Santino Reali, eight. Featherweight. Luis Aisa outscored Domingo Jiminez, eight.

MATEO TAKES GERARDO IN 'FRISCO THRILLER

By CHRISTOPHER COATS

San Francisco, Calif. — The Mission Boxing Club held its second show at Kezar Pavilion with a program of three ten rounders. Promoters Luis Curiel and Pete Alvarez put together an exciting show utilizing fighters of different nationalities.

In the main event middleweight Jean Mateo, a French Basque from Stockton, engaged Mexican Marco Gerardo who has been fighting out of San Diego. The bout was a thriller from the first punch. Gerardo who outpointed top ranked Armando Muniz down in Los Angeles this past April started strong and repeatedly connected to the head and body. The Stockton middleweight appeared slow and began covering up. The referee stepped in and gave Mateo a standing eight count with the first round barely half over.

Gerardo, sensing a quick knockout, moved in and again backed Mateo against the ropes. However, this time Mateo unleashed a left to the chin and followed with a solid right to the midsection. Mateo landed a few more powerful punches and sent Gerardo to the canvas where he took the ten count on his stomach.

Both fighters scaled in at 158 and Mateo now seems ready for big name fighters. He already has beaten Renato Garcia and Felton Marshall. Three busloads of his fans drove in from Stockton to see his first round come-from-behind win.

In the second main event very popular Puerto Rican welterweight Johnny Melendez took on Roger Buckskin, an American Indian from Smith River. The fight was a close one with Buckskin dominating the early going. However, Melendez, a member of the local Teamsters Union, brought along a lot of his fans and plenty of energy to come back and win a well earned if close decision.

Both fighters threw a lot of punches but neither appeared to ever be in serious trouble.

The opening ten rounder saw Manuel Lujan (picked in the January issue of Ring as featherweight prospect of the month) battle Stockton Filipino Tanny Amancio. Lujan stretched his unbeaten record to eleven in a row with an easy win over Amancio.

RIOTS FORCE GARDEN TO END FORUM FIGHTS

Dangerous reactions to decisions resulted in Madison Square Garden's closing its Felt Forum and its 4,000 seats to boxing shows.

The riots gave the Garden a bad image and forced Mike Burke to act a bit ahead of schedule.

It seems that the Garden's intention to end the Forum schedule leaked out and brought Mike's decision to act at once. Another card had been signed up. Burke ordered all the fighters who had been matched to be paid off and the Forum closed to fights. Other attractions are being scheduled for the arena. The official announcement of the Forum closure follows:

"The Monday night fights at the Felt Forum have been suspended, it was announced today by Michael Burke, President of Madison Square Garden Center.

"This decision was taken after careful consideration and with particular concern for the Garden's traditional role in the life of the city," Burke said.

"Madison Square Garden Boxing will concentrate on bringing major bouts into the Garden's main arena on a more consistent basis," said Burke.

The Garden will seek out the best attractions, with an emphasis on world titles and leading contender bouts. Attendance at the Monday night Forum fights has averaged less than one thousand people.

"Our efforts will be to bring Garden boxing fans as many world title bouts as we can make and as many matches between top-rank fighters as possible."

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WELDON RETURNS WITH VERDICT OVER BARRA

By HERNAN HERNANDEZ

Jacinto City, Texas — Kenny Weldon, 127, of Galena Park, combined boxing knowledge with experience to gain a 10 round decision over a durable Juan Barra 128 of Santiago, Chile.

Having been sidelined with an elbow injury for a year, Weldon made his comeback a success by outboxing an ever-pressing Barra.

Except for a controversial knockdown in the third round by Weldon, and repeated warnings by referee Earle Keel to Barra about hitting on the break, the fight was hard fought, and a well earned decision for Kenny whose record is now 41-5-1. Barra is now 17-3.

Chris Baxter, Houston middleweight extended his unbeaten record to 7-0 (6 KO's), with a 1st round KO over an outgunned Chon Silva, of Laredo, Mexico.

Raymond (Pink Panther) Boyd, a Houston welterweight, also made his return to the ring a crowd pleasing performance. After strutting around the ring flexing his muscles and blowing kisses to the crowd he executed Torrito Rivas, of San Antonio with well placed body shots that had Rivas on the canvas at 2:48 of round two.

In the four round Prelim "Baby Rodriguez", 131, of San Antonio, had too much in the way of speed and ring savy for "The Cloverleaf Kid" Rodney Cooper, 134, of Houston.

TAKES LOT OF JUDGING TO WIN FOR RODRIGUEZ

By BILLY KOWALCZYK

Waterbury, Conn. — In the first decision ever awarded here by more than the referee, Pablo Rodriguez, Holyoke, was acclaimed the winner over Danny Fryman, 140, Lowell, in a main event judged by Pinky Morris, Sal Maltempo and Walter Longo.

This system proved effective in its first try as two judges voted for Pablo and the other for Fryman! It was a bristling affair which could have gone either way. The battlers continued throwing after the bell on two occasions and referee Walter Longo had his hands full keeping them apart.

Fryman was repeatedly warned by the referee to keep his punches up after a few strayed below or on the belt line.

Jessie Bender, 152, of New Haven, was too much for Bruce Huckaby, 152, Hartford. After a punishing body attack by Bender, Huckaby, a brother of star performer Dave Huckaby, became sick and threw up in his corner as the referee counted him out in 2:38 seconds of round two!

In the second bout, Bobby Walker, 165, Stamford, gained a good 6 round decision over Springfield's Kenny James.

Next, Waterbury favorite Vinnie DeBorros, 137, spotted his opponent Joey Houston 5 pounds and knocked him out in 1 minute and 2 seconds of the very first round.

▲**Waterbury, Conn.** — Steve Toomey, 142, Waterbury, stopped Juan Colon, 144, of Lowell, in the 5th round of a scheduled 6 round headliner at the Armory.

It was a great fight and both fought toe to toe until Toomey was floored for two eight counts in round four. Soon after Steve regained his senses and came roaring back to massacre Colon.

Vinnie DeBorros, 130, Waterbury, won a 4 round decision over Jose Ortiz, 131, Lowell.

Dave Huckaby, 147, Hartford, won a good six rounder from Jose Pagan, also 147 from the Lowell stable!

Danny Fryman, 142, Lowell, decisioned Paul Osborne, 149, Lowell, in another six rounder.

Wild and woolly Dana McCarthy, 168, Bristol, KO'ed Russ Fernandez, 170, New Britain, in the first of a scheduled four rounder.

Euell Hunter, 132, Waterbury, won in four rounds over Irish Jim Kelley, 133, Enfield.

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"HAPPY BOY" HAS TOUGH TIME OUTPOINTING XIPU

By ED CLARK

East London, South Africa — Nkosana "Happy Boy" Mgxaji had a tough eight rounds points win over Rolly Xipu at the Mdantsane Stadium. Xipu adopted back-pedalling tactics and running, throwing few blows and ducking out of trouble. Mgxaji had a tough time in this lightweight bout as Xipu was warned seven times for holding and ducking low and also he resorted to kidney punching.

Just the first two rounds did Xipu shine catching "Happy Boy" with good rights and from then on he was on his "bicycle". Victor Tshabala and Dan Mkhize served up good fare and the decision went to Tshabalala after 8 rounds in their welterweight fight.

Mzukisi Skweyiya scored impressively by TKOing Israel Khonkhobe, 5, bantams; Jack Jim decisioned Louis Miya, 6, welters; Thamie Spampool outscored Timothy Sedise, 4, lightweights; Devilliers Gong Xeka drew Bracs Mqantu, 4.

▲**Ladysmith** — At the Steadville Stadium, Maxwell Malinga, welters champion, retained his title with a tenth round TKO over challenger Griffiths Mgijima. Malinga, the "Black Hero" battled to make the weight but took Griffiths out in the round he predicted. But what an ending—a record for the longest TKO count. Malinga pounded Mgijima in the 10th round and an overhand right had Mgijima on the floor. Malinga stood over him and told him to get up and an excited fan entered the ring.

The referee ordered Malinga to a neutral corner and the fan out of the ring but only after Malinga's manager Victor Kumalo entered the ring did the fan leave. The ref counted up to "8" when Mgijima stood up and said he was thru. He was down approximately 40 seconds. Mgijima won only the first and in the second Malinga got down to business scoring with left jabs to stomach and head. Malinga hammered Mgijima who showed courage and took hard blows. Nearly in the sixth did Mgijima go down with a short right to the solar plexus.

The light heavyweight champ, James Mathatho became the heavyweight boss by outpointing Fraser Memela over 12 rounds. Mathatho used his left hook to advantage and dictated the course of the fight. Memela went out for the "kill" from the start but Mathatho counter-punched with left and right hooks to the head and scored a convincing win.

George Seatholo KO'd Jacob Mpanza, 1, feathers; Abraham Selebe TKO'd Amon Nkabinde, 3, junior middleweights; Joel Ndhlovu upset McKeed Mofokeng, 6, welters; David Kaptein decisioned Flash Gordon, 4.

▲**Port Elizabeth** — Chris Dlamini kept his bantamweight title by scoring a clear cut decision over Bashew Sibaca at the Zwide Stadium, Kwazakhele. For nearly 11 of the 12 rounds Dlamini soundly thrashed his opponent and giving him a boxing lesson into the bargain. Dlamini was unmarked at the end of the fight and Sibaca's before-fight to stop him was hollow.

Dlamini was the aggressor with Sibaca dancing away and after the opening round which was tame Dlamini got down to business in the fourth rocking Sibaca with heavy blows, particularly lefts. Sibaca was on the "run" with Dlamini after him and Dlamini turned up the pressure in the sixth. Sibaca showed good counter-punching but his blows lacked the power of Dlamini's. Straight lefts from Dlamini brought up a swelling under Sibaca's left eye and in the ninth his gumshield was knocked out. Hard lefts rocked Sibaca in the 10th. Sibaca came to light in the last but he was clearly beaten in a clean fight well received.

Ben Lekalake stopped Philip Masiza in 43 seconds of the first, junior lightweights; Mzukisi Skweyiya TKO'd Thozi Yako, 7, bantams; Phalo Tshume outgunned Joe Archer, 8, junior welters; Leslie Pikoli outscored Basie Modise, 8, bantams; David Klaas drew with Loyiso Mtya, 4, junior welters.

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GARDNER GOING GREAT GUNS IN OKLAHOMA

By TOM RAY

Oklahoma City, Okla. — Tony Gardner, Oklahoma City's junior middleweight, scored two smashing victories here recently.

INDIANA FANS SHOW BUT RUNOUTS RUIN CARD

By JOHN APPEL

Indianapolis, Ind. — John Appel's Ten Rounds Inc., made Indiana boxing history by putting on two financially successful shows in succession.

Indiana's Big 3, Olympic Bronze Medalist Marvin Johnson, Stormin Norman Goins and Slammin Sammy NeSmith drew a crowd of 1704, paying $6100 out into the icy rain to witness the 7 bout card.

Three days before the show, Goins' and NeSmith's Canadian opponents had a change of heart and decided to stay home rather than face the dangerous duo. This is one of the major problems facing Appel and matchmaker Fred Berns. Because of the Big 3's reputation for heavy hitting, there are more "NO SHOWS" in Indianapolis than in most other fistic capitals.

At showtime, James Iron Man Adams appeared as agreed, but for all he did he could have remained at his training camp at Ottawa, Canada. In 2:48 Adams made 2 trips to the canvas and was preparing for a third when referee Mike DeFabis called it a night. To say the least, Hoosier boxing fans were disappointed and aere still wondering if Marvelous Marvin can fight.

In what figured to be a waltz, actually turned out to be the bout of the evening, when last minute sub Theo Robertson, 129, Chicago, took on Stormin Norman and caught everyone with his interest down when he attacked and for a brief moment looked as if he could pull off an unheard of upset. But the punching power of Goins prevailed and Robertson was unable to come out for the 5th round.

In the other final, NeSmith faced last minute stand-in Bobby Orr who also surprised the packed house by going on the attack right at the opening bell. He charged across the ring into Sammy's corner and threw a roundhouse right but caught a vicious hook to the shoulder suffering what later proved to be a fracture. The time: 28 seconds of the first round.

Two exciting prelims helped save the evening for the new Ten Rounds Boxing Club. Johnny Heidel, 155, St. Louis, made it 7-0-1 by decisioning debuting Candy Smith, 154, West Terre Haute, in an action packed 4. Smith started fast and had Heidel in trouble but Heidel rallied to have the Candyman near collapse at the end of 4. Both fighters received a resounding ovation.

The other show-saver, Irish Jimmy Claar who had a most unimpressive amateur career made it 5 straight in the punch-for-pay's when he finished in true story book fashion an action packed bout with Hollandus "Cisco" Oliver, 154, Chicago, by coming from far behind to end it all with one good punch. Claar, in fact, has an outstanding right hand but has trouble delivering it with good precision. This time, a confident and winning Oliver ran right into it and was knocked out of the ring onto the apron. He arose at 10 but was in no condition to continue. Both fighters received a much deserved standing ovation from the appreciative fans. Heavyweight Tommy Prater ran his record to 6-2 by decisioning the come-backing Reverand Robert Yarborough, 235, Chicago, in a hard 6 rounder. Yarborough is best remembered for his KO win over former world lt. heavyweight contender Allen Thomas of Chicago, early in Thomas' career.

In a dull 4 rounder Danny Starks, 135, Chicago, decisioned Cincinatti's Bobby Strickland also 135. Starks appeared here last month and blitzed Tulip Turnipseed in one and was scheduled to meet veteran Marion Tiger Thomas on this show. Thomas took a last minute match last Saturday night at Chicago to help promoter Noah Robinson out of a spot when he suffered from "No Show-itis," and took on former bantamweight contender, Ronny Jones. Thomas was outclassing Jones and time after time rocked Jones with dazzling combinations and had Jones on the verge of a KO early in all 4 rounds. However, when an over-confident Tiger Thomas slowed down the attack in the 4th, Jones using all his experience and what strength he had left, fired a desperation right that knocked the 40 bout veteran out cold. Thomas has been TKO'd before but never out. A lesson is to be learned from this—your opponent has two hands, too! There is no doubt about it.

BOXING IS BACK here in Indiana and managers and trainers who are complaining about "There just ain't no action anymore," can contact Ten Rounds Inc., 120 East Vermont, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, and there is certain to be a spot on one of the 7 bout monthly shows.

Gardner stopped Louisiana welterweight Emmit Atlas in the fourth round and kayoed Canadian Roy Christian in fifteen rounds two weeks later.

The Gardner-Atlas battle was one that most people expected the lean citian to win with ease. But, the experts were wrong.

Atlas, 147, stormed and clouted the junior middleweight dropping him twice. However, Gardner, 152½, came back to stop the gutsy welterweight in the fourth round with two bombing right hands.

Although the Gardner-Atlas fight left the fans with sore throats and sweaty palms, they hadn't seen anything yet. Two weeks later, Gardner took on Roy Christian in a re-match.

Oklahoma could have quite a series going on with these two. Both wars ended in the last round via KO for Gardner and both were packed with excitement from bell to bell.

In the first fight, Gardner was on the deck three times and Christian was downed nine times. At that time, this writer thought that was the best fight he had ever seen. I still think so but this rematch is a very close second.

The Oklahoma Boxing Commission and several other Mid-west commissions have recognized this fight as for the North American junior middleweight title. While the Ring recognizes Billy Backus as the American champion, Oklahomans feel that the former world welterweight kingpin better watch out for Tony Gardner.

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